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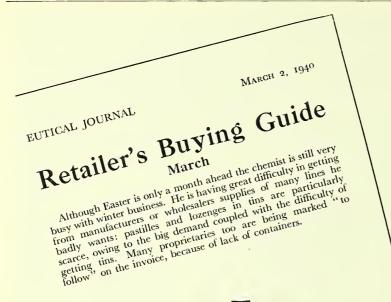
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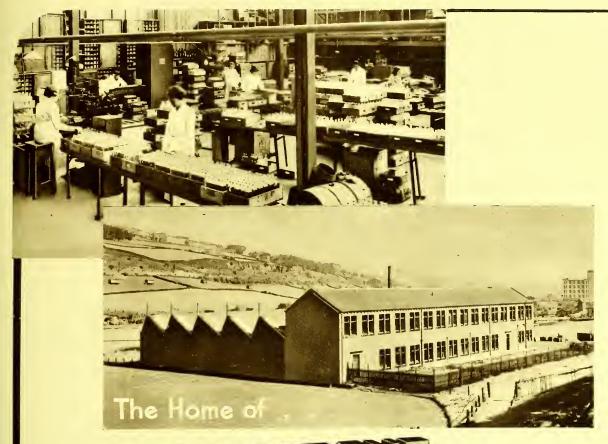
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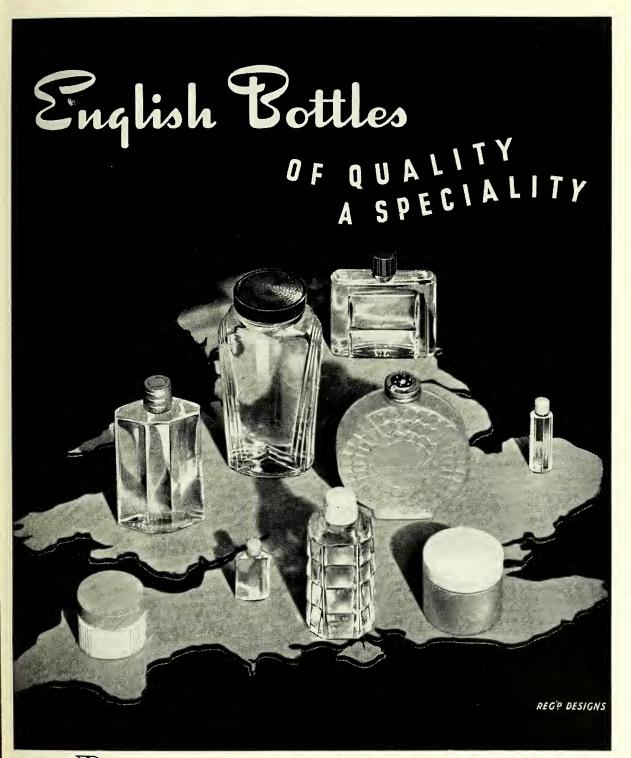
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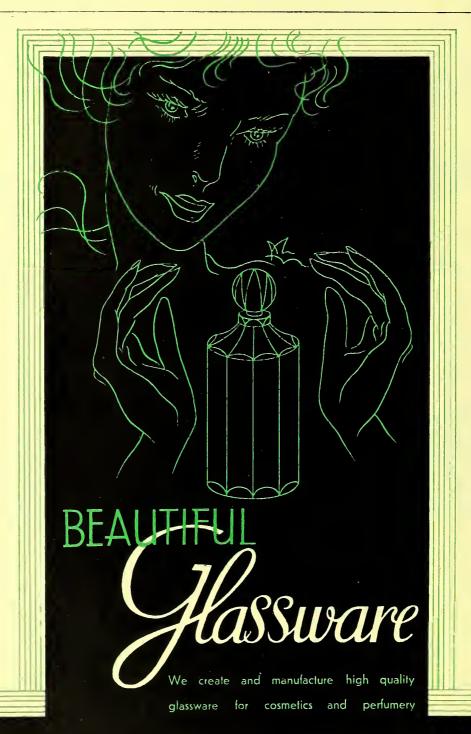
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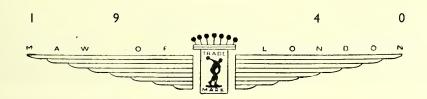
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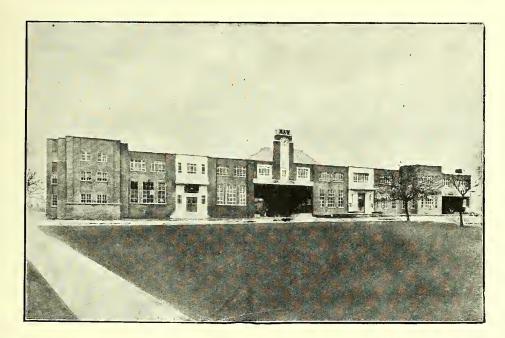
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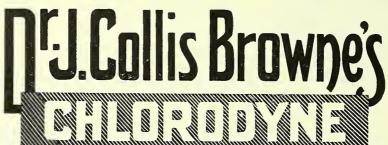
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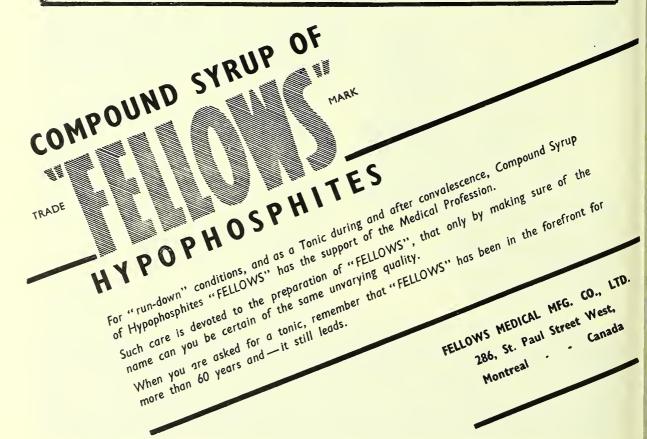
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Standards for Laboratory Thermometers and Petri Dishes.—vised specifications have recently been issued by the British indards Institution. They include five series of thermometers general purposes. Copies may be obtained from the Instituna 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.I, price 28. 2d. each, post

Workmen's Compensation—Royal Commission.—The Royal mmission on Workmen's Compensation intimate that their ct sitting for the purpose of taking evidence will be held in om 137 on the first floor of Thames House (No. 2 Entrance), llbank, London, S.W.I, on Friday, March 15, at 10.30 a.m. e sitting of the Commission will be open to the public.

National Association of Women Pharmacists.—The annual numbers' night' was held on March 7, the president (Miss rvey) in the chair. Miss M. Stiles gave a vivid description of a country pharmacy; Miss W. M. Render spoke on pharcists and pharmaceutical legislation in New Zealand; and pers were given by Miss M. Coates, Ph.C., on "Biological sting," and Miss V. Anderson, B.Pharm., Ph.C., on "Stored cod—Its Uses and Limitations." Mrs. Irvine proposed a vote thanks. This was seconded by Miss Duncan.

A.R.P. Exhibit at Hull.—Lofthouse & Saltmer, Ltd., Hull, we arranged in the local Museum of Commerce and Transport exhibition of drugs used in the first-aid treatment of gas bunds. In the centre of the case is an exhibit illustrating the whole of functioning of a respirator; on either side are shown trainers of accessories including normal saline tablets for temporaneously making accurate solutions for bathing ataminated eyes, castor oil and liquid paraffin. Other jars ow white petroleum jelly, bleach powder, and calamine.

Import Licensing.—The Board of Trade announce that tain goods consigned from Hong Kong must be accompanied an import licence on importation into the United Kingdom. cordingly it will be necessary for importers to apply for lividual licences in respect of any goods covered by the Import ohibition List and consigned from Hong Kong and which were t shipped to the United Kingdom prior to March 1. The issue licences in respect of importations from Hong Kong does not ply that the goods covered by the licences will be deemed H.M. Customs and Excise to qualify for preference under the appearal Preference Regulations.

Analysts' Society Officers.—The following have been elected ficers and council members of the Society of Public Analysts of Other Analytical Chemists for the year 1940/41:—Presint: Mr. E. B. Hughes, D.Sc., F.I.C., Past Presidents serving on Duncil: Messrs. F. W. F. Arnaud, B. Dyer, J. Evans, E. Hinks, Roche Lynch, W. H. Roberts, G. Rudd Thompson. Vice-

Presidents: Messrs. E. B. Anderson, S. E. Molling, F. G. H. Tate, J. R. Stubbs (chairman, North of England Section), T. Cockburn (chairman, Scottish Section). Treasurer: Mr. G. Taylor. Secretary: Mr. Lewis Eynon. Other Members of Council: Messrs. C. A. Adams, F. C. Bullock, H. E. Cox, D. C. Garratt, L. H. Lampitt, G. W. Monier-Williams, C. J. Regan, T. Rendle, A. Scholes, W. M. Seaber, W. H. Simmons, W. W. Taylor, A. Lees (secretary, North of England Section), and J. B. McKean (secretary, Scottish Section).

Keighley Chemists Seek Affiliation.—Mr. Wilfred Broadley, 5 Grange Grove, Riddlesden, Keighley, has been appointed Secretary of the Keighley Chemists' Association in succession to Mr. W. H. Archer, who has retired after holding the position for several years. Efforts are being made to form a Keighley Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, to work in conjunction with the Association.

Nottingham Chemists Discuss Future of Pharmacy.—The annual meeting of the Nottingham Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, on March 7, over which Mr. I. A. Atherley presided, was followed by an address by the president of the Society (Mr. W. Deacon), on "Pharmacy Today." Mr. Deacon reviewed the history of the Society and pointed out that the future lay in the hands of the students of today. At the conclusion of the address points were raised by Messrs. A. O. Bentley, T. R. Burrows, J. R. Ball, J. Hutchby, S. M. Peretz (president, Pharmacy Students' Association and treasurer of the Students' Union) and students, to all of which Mr. Deacon replied. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. R. Burrows and seconded by Mr. S. M. Peretz. Tea was afterwards provided. In the evening an informal dinner was held, at which practically all members of the committee were present.

"Prizes for All" at Hull Whist Drive.—Hull Chemists' Association held its annual whist drive on March 7. A feature of the evening was the number of surprise gifts distributed after practically every hand. About seventy-five prizes had been given by manufacturing and wholesale firms, and few of the 120 players went away empty-handed. The drive was organised by a social committee led by Mr. H. Ringrose who, with Mr. E. A. Brocklehurst (president of the Association) acted as M.C. Mrs. Brocklehurst presented prizes to the following: Ladies: The Mesdames Gleadhill, D. H. Hindle, Nockall, Vinegrad, Holdsworth, Waudby, Rastall, Shepherd, Fox, Boyce, Cooper, Shipley and F. Palmer, and the Misses M.

Willey, D. Stocks and Acton.

Gentlemen: Messrs. J. Gosse, C. A. Hewitt, Topham, L. Harrison, F. N. Har-

rison, Vinegrad, Armstrong,

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McWilliam and R. H. Watson, the Misses Baker, Brignell, Hockney and Wallis, and Mrs. Ringrose, playing as gentlemen. Proceeds were for the Pharmaceutical Society's Benevolent Fund.

"Cyanides" Entertain at Harrow.—The chief feature of the social evening organised by the Harrow Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, on March 5, was a concert provided by the "Cyanides" (the London College of Pharmacy concert party). Most of the guests were present at their first "cyanide" show and were amazed at the sparkling original entertainment provided, which included original musical compositions, sketches, a rhyming pantomime and a pharmaceutical melodrama. The concert was produced and compèred by Mr. V. P. Gelli, and the artists were the Misses Pat Murphy and Marjorie Harrison, Messrs. F. Tulley, H. Nix, D. Tapsfield, N. Thomas, R. Thompson, Benny Lewin, Bruce Marshall, C. Henderson and John Bunn. During the interval there was an amusing "spelling bee," for which three teams of four members entered. The winners were Mrs. Jenner, Mrs. Robson, Miss E. M. Yonge and Mr. Young. Prizes provided by S. Maw, Son & Sons, Ltd., John Bell, Hills & Lucas, Ltd., McClure, Young & Co., Ltd., and Wright, Layman & Umney, Ltd., were handed to the winners by the chairman of the Branch (Miss M. C. Islip).

Food Lecture Quips at Liverpool.—Sir John Orr (director, Rowett Research Institute) who gave the Society of Chemical Industry jubilee memorial lecture on "The Chemical Aspects of Nutrition," at Liverpool recently, was introduced as "the man who put the Orr in porridge." The chairman (Mr. B. D. W. Luff) was alluding both to the speaker's advocacy of oatmeal as a food and to his Scottish origin. Sir John's nationality was again referred to by Mr. H. Humphreys Jones, who, in seconding a vote of thanks, pointed out that the proposer (Professor T. P. Hilditch) was an Englishman, Sir John hailed from "bonnie Scotland," and he himself represented "gallant little Wales." Having spent some time browsing into works of the founders and early presidents of the Pharmaceutical Society, which was celebrating its centenary in 1941, he was struck, said Mr. Humphreys Jones, by the amount of attention given to food questions even in those days; there had, in fact, been prophecies about what were today known as vitamins. Sir John Orr, in reply, said he well recalled the British Pharmaceutical Conference in Aberdeen in 1931, when there had been not only a first-class Conference, but a first-class dinner—a recollection that apparently afforded him, as a food expert, some pleasure, as well as the audience some hilarity.

IRELAND

Northern Ireland Register.—The 1940 Register of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland has been issued. The list of Pharmaceutical Chemists is longer by two pages than in the previous Register. All sections are revised to December 31, 1939.

Dispensing for Members of the Forces on Leave.—The Ministry of Labour asks Northern Ireland chemists to dispense prescriptions written by local doctors for members of the Forces on leave; the prescriptions will be paid for at N.H.I. rates, and each one should be presented for payment to the local doctor whose signature it bears.

Air-raid Casualties Treatment Scheme.—A scheme for provision of medical attendance at home for air-raid casualties in Northern Ireland has been arranged. Medicines will be ordered on National Health Insurance forms marked "War Casualty," which are returned with ordinary N.H.I. prescriptions to be priced and paid for at N.H.I. rates.

Dublin Strike Averted.—The possible closing down of wholesale drug houses in Dublin on March 11 as the result of strike action on the part of their employees has been averted for the present. The workers concerned, who are members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, held a meeting on March 10 and decided to withdraw their strike notices pending a conference to be held on Wednesday under the auspices of the Department of Industry and Commerce, at which both the employers and workers will be represented. In the statement issued by the Irish Drug Association (Wholesale Section) published in the C. & D., March 9, p. 178, it was inadvertently stated that the workers' annual holidays were one week with

full pay. The holidays given are two weeks with full pay, addition to all public holidays with full pay.

Labelling Offence.—Richard Downes, labourer, Nor Circular Road, Dublin, was recently fined twenty shillings i having sold a poison in a preparation not distinctly labelled withe name of the article and the word "poison." Defenda admitted advertising and selling an ointment which he had may and which, he said, had been made by members of his fam for generations. The ointment contained red oxide of mercuas a preservative. He undertook not to use it in the ointment in future. The prosecution was brought by the Pharmaceutic Society of Ireland.

Portadown Chemists Meet.—Visitors from Lurgan, and deputation from the Ulster Chemists' Association that had cold to give an address on the Chemists' Friends scheme, were w comed by Mr. W. F. Pedlow (chairman) at a meeting of the lo Association on February 20. Mr. E. A. Richey, who delivered t address, traced the origin of the scheme, and outlined progr made during its existence. The outbreak of war had delay extension of the scheme to Northern Ireland, but arrangement were now almost completed, and he asked for whole-hearted su port for manufacturers—there were now more than a hundred who had placed their goods on the C.F. list. Mr. John McDow (president, Ulster Chemists' Association) hoped the meet would be the first of many in the six Counties. The U.C.A. wor welcome suggestions and information from country member who, owing to present difficulties, could not be adequat represented at meetings of the executive committee. McClenahan (secretary, U.C.A.) spoke of the Association's wo and stressed the need for loyalty and goodwill. Discussion the C.F. scheme and on matters of local interest was continu by both Lurgan and Portadown members until supper v ready.

Three Hundred at Belfast Whist Drive.—The Belfast lad pharmacy social committee held a successful whist drive in Grand Central Hotel, Belfast, on March 7, in aid of war ce forts and the chemists' Benevolent Fund. The guests numbe about 300. Mr. Fred Storey (chairman, Benevolent Fund comittee) was M.C., and Messrs. T. Nicholl, J. McGregor, Abernethy, and R. Guiler acted as stewards. The committee charge of the arrangements included Mrs. McGregor (chairmathe Misses Crawford, Ph.C. (treasurer), and Forrest, Plescretary), the Mesdames Martin, Storey, Abernethy, N. Ho Ph.C., McDowell, Maguire, Ph.C., and the Misses Laverty, Ph. Barry, B.Sc., Ph.C., Murray, Ph.C., Marshall, Ph.C., and McSorley, Ph.C. The prizewinners were:—Ladies: 1, Moss; 2, Mrs. Dobson; 3, Miss Thompson. Gentlemen: 1, Moore; 2, Mrs. McClatchey (playing as gentleman); 3, Finlay. Half-time score: Miss McCouig and Mr. G. Moc Hidden number prizes: Mrs. Henderson and Mr. C. Lord. Consolation Prize: Miss Clokey. The ballot was won Miss Barry. Mr. Storey congratulated the committee on success of the function, and proposed a vote of thanks to thand to their chairman (Mrs. McGregor). Prizes were proviby The British Drug Houses, Ltd.; Ayrton, Saunders & Ltd.; Thomas Waide & Sons, Ltd.; Bourjois, Ltd.; Morny, Lt Coty (England), Ltd.; S. Haydock & Co.; Glaxo Laborator Ltd.; and J. C. Gambles & Co., Ltd. (Cutex).

Ulster Chemists' Association.—The monthly meeting of executive committee was held on March 5, the president (John McDowell) in the chair. There were also present Mes J. Dundee, A. T. Hardy, J. McGregor, W. J. Rankin, E. Richey, and A. Wilson. A vote of sympathy with Mr. E. Roberts, Ph.C., on the death of his son, Mr. Herbert Robe Ph.C., was passed.

The president reported on a meeting in Portadown which with Mr. E. A. Richey and the secretary, had attended a deputation from the Association. Mr. Rankin urged that sim meetings in other centres would strengthen the Associat Mr. Richey and Mr. Rankin reported that they, with resentatives of the Pharmaceutical Society, had attended a ming at which it had been decided to postpone arrangements an annual dinner; the meeting had recommended that a comittee should be appointed to meet in the autumn and marrangements for a function early in the New Year. The setary reported that the Chemists' Friends Association had proved applications for wholesaler membership from three fin Northern Ireland, and was in correspondence with a fou

The scheme would shortly be in full operation. The secretary eported that the response to the president's letter to nonnembers, inviting them to join, had been encouraging. The Association was now stronger than ever before, and it was pparent that the advantages of membership were being realised; he weekly issue of price alterations (1,500 since the beginning of the war), was itself a sufficient reason for inducing many to oin. The Association's efforts in expediting the scheme for ugar supply for pharmaceutical purposes had been successful. A further increase in membership during the next few weeks ould be confidently expected, as personal calls following on the president's letter showed that many were willing to join when sked to do so. The secretary was instructed, in the weekly communication sent to members, to urge that all should adopt he practice of coding. The secretary reported that window ransparencies ordered the previous month had now been lelivered, and one would be sent to each member during the ext few days. It was decided that the advertising committee hould be given power to adopt wordings for the showcards at present on order, and to forward copy to the printers without urther delay. A number of accounts were passed for payment, nd numerous price changes were considered and adopted.

Photographic Dealers' Annual Meeting.—Mr. G. A. MacLean e, M.P.S.I. (chairman), presided at the annual meeting of the Eire Branch of the Photographic Dealers' Association held on February 28. Reviewing the year's work, he said the name of he Branch had been altered from Dublin to Eire Branch, and it ow represented dealers in the entire twenty-six counties. Iembership had been well maintained, but there were still a umber of dealers outside the Association. The secretary visited mong other centres Cork and Waterford, and as a result a umber of new members had been obtained. During the year bublin had been appointed a centre for the P.D.A. examinations, nd they had been honoured in having the president of the ssociation (Mr. Harry Mottershaw) sent as examiner. The ranch had again co-operated with the "Irish Press" in running newspaper snapshot competition, but results had unfortunately een affected by the bad season, due first to bad weather, and econdly to the European crisis. Amongst matters dealt with by he committee was a case of irregular trading in a country town. he Branch had submitted evidence on behalf of photographic ealers to the Vocational Organisation Commission set up by ne Eire Government. Cut-price developing and printing had een considered from all aspects, and the committee was now o-operating with the Irish Drug Association in an endeavour to x a uniform price for the Dublin area. The Branch had been sponsible for tabling a motion on this subject at the I.D.A. anual meeting, and looked for loyal support from all members bringing the matter to a satisfactory conclusion. He thanked embers for letters of appreciation sent in.

Mr. P. A. Brady, M.C.P.S.I. (treasurer), reported that the otal income for the year came to £38 6s., made up of £25 17s. 6d. ceived from headquarters as refund of 2s. 6d. on every subription received, plus £12 8s. 6d. carried forward from the cevious year. Expenditure came to £37 13s., leaving a credit plance of 12s. to be carried forward. Membership stood now at 27, compared with 237 in 1938; they hoped for a slight increase is year. On the motion of Mr. A. J. Donnell, seconded by Mr. F. McGrath, the treasurer's report was unanimously adopted. ut-going committee members were unanimously re-elected on e motion of Mr. Lyall Smith, seconded by Mr. J. J. Stafford. Mr. Lyall Smith (secretary) reported that the position throught the country seemed good, especially in Cork. In a few places had visited the sale of films by non-dealers in small places, rticularly in seaside stores, had been mentioned, but such llers were dealers' agents, and not all of them were selling andard films. The committee would have to bring these cople into line, either by having them appointed dealers' agents by some other method. The D. and P. prices position throughit the country was on the whole good, the recommended scales ring generally adhered to. Cork gave one hundred per cent. pport, the only trouble in that part of the country coming om Fermoy. In Killarney there had been some price cutting, it as a result of action taken by the Branch agreement had en reached to maintain the recommended scale of charges; had since learned that the agreement was being loyally rried out by all. Certain dealers he had met were of opinion at more newspaper and poster advertising should be done by e manufacturers to popularise winter and night photography. oadcast talks on photography had also been suggested. Price cutting in D. and P., which was now confined to the Dublin area, formed the subject of special action now being taken by the I.D.A. Circulars suggesting a fixed scale for this season had been sent out, and of the replies so far received over ninety per cent. were in favour of the suggested scale. Mr. Smith's report was followed by a discussion on D. and P. prices.

SCOTLAND

Business Changes.—A pharmacy and drug department is to be opened shortly in Hamilton by the Hamilton Central Cooperative Society, Ltd.—The Tweedside Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd., has recently opened a pharmacy in Tweedmouth.

Old-established Business for Sale.—The pharmacy and optical business of M. G. & A. St. C. Boag, 61 Montrose Terrace, Edinburgh, is being offered for sale. A similar business has been carried on in this position since 1865. Mrs. Anderson (née Miss M. E. Boag), the present proprietor, contemplates retiring.

Galashiels Firm's Centenary.—B. Cartwright & Son, chemists and opticians, 50 High Street and 45 Bank Street, Galashiels, celebrate their centenary this year. The business was founded in 1840 by Mr. John Mackay. In 1881 Mr. Mackay disposed of his Galashiels branch to Mr. James Walker, who in 1893 was succeeded by Mr. Benjamin Cartwright, the present principal. Mr. Cartwright had previously spent a number of years as assistant with the Glasgow Apothecaries' Co.

War-time Conditions Discussed in Edinburgh.—A meeting of the Edinburgh and South-Eastern Scottish Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society was held in Edinburgh on February 28, Mr. James Henry in the chair. The chairman said members would appreciate that owing to the black-out and severe weather conditions the committee had felt that an earlier meeting was not warranted. He hoped Dr. Tait, whom he called upon to address the meeting, would be able to give some cheering information on "War-Time Conditions in Pharmacy." Dr. Tait explained the formation of the Scottish Central Pharmaceutical War Committee and referred to the five local war committees that had been set up. He outlined the work that had been carried out, including compilation of a National Register of pharmacists, dispensing of medicines for evacuated children and for men in H.M. Forces on leave, domiciliary treatment of casualties, and dispensing of prescriptions for auxiliary hospitals. He referred to voluntary help pharmacists had been able to give in connexion with supervision of hospital supplies, storing and transport of drugs, and other work. Education and examination problems arising out of war conditions included suspension of the Higher School Leaving Certificate and issue in its place of a Senior Leaving Certificate; the question was being considered by the

Mr. Somerville, Edinburgh, referred to directions issued to first-aid posts on making-up of solutions, etc.; many of these, he said, were wrong, and the matter should be looked into. Mr. Drummond, Edinburgh, said he had dispensed a war-service prescription for a soldier who lived quite near a military hospital, and he thought a war-service prescription should not have been used. Mr. BAYNE, Kirkcaldy, objected to a paragraph in the circular issued to chemists on this subject. In this it was stated that the doctor must arrange with a chemist for dispensing such prescriptions. This would mean that the patient had no free choice of chemist. Mr. Somerville suggested the difficulty might be overcome if the doctors in a town had an agreement with all chemists. Mr. BAYNE also mentioned that pricing of the precriptions had to be done by chemists, while in all other schemes it was undertaken by the Checking Bureau, but Mr. Nisbet, Leith, said he understood the Checking Bureau would, if requested, price the prescriptions without charge. Mr. FINDLAY, Edinburgh, asked when Edinburgh chemists would revert to the 7 o'clock closing hour, and MR. DRUMMOND said the emergency closing hour would remain in force until March 18, after which date hours in all types of businesses would revert to normal. He thought the whole question should be gone into with a view to adopting an earlier closing hour for the future. Dr. Tair said confusion had arisen as to the source of forms for sugar supplies. In Scotland, if it was desired to get sugar from a retailer, the necessary form could be obtained from Mr. H. Graham Macmillan, Scottish Pharmaceutical Federation, 65 Renfield Street, Glasgow, C.1; if from a wholesaler, application to apply to the Local Control Office was necessary. motion of the chairman a vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Tait. Mr. Tainsh moved a vote of thanks to the chairman.

COMPANY NEWS

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Bottle Patents, Ltd. (P.C.).—Capital £5,625. Objects: To acquire and turn to account licences, concessions and secret processes relating to bottles, packages, containers and receptacles, and to carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in fitments, accessories and enclosures to bottles, packages, etc. Cyril G. Blaxter, 75 Chester Square, London, S.W.I, Edmund J. Goemans, 33 Palliser Road, W.4, Vernon S. Wright, 13 Ashburn Gardens, S.W.7, Lilian F. Stoop, 33 Palliser Road, W.4, directors. R.O.: Broadmead House, 21 Panton Street, Haymarket, London, S.W.I.

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of and dealers in petroleum jelly, petroleum and petroleum by-products of all kinds; pharmaceutical, consulting, analytical, manufacturing and general chemists and druggists, etc. The first directors are to be appointed. Solicitors: McKenna & Co., 31–4 Basinghall Street, London, E.C.2. R.O.: Victoria Road, Willesden, London, N.W.

Horlicks, Ltd.—Interim dividend of $13\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. actual, less tax, payable to stockholders registered on March 14, 1940, has been declared.

Evans Sons Lescher & Webb, Ltd.—The directors report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, show that mortgages and credit notes issued to bankers have been reduced by £7,500 and £4,439 respectively. Mortgage and leasehold redemption account is augmented by £2,325. The trading profit amounted to £66,036. The amount transferred to balance sheet is £30,984, to which is added the balance brought forward from 1938, £11,048, making an available balance of £42,032, which the directors propose to apply as follows: Transfer to general reserve, £15,000; payment of one-and-a-half year's dividend on the 6 per cent. preference shares (less tax), £14,147, leaving a balance to be carried forward of £12,885. Messrs. J. H. E. Evans and J. W. Wright, retiring directors, offer themselves for re-election.

Bankruptcy.—Mr. Charles Henry Bullock and Mrs. Emily Stewart Bullock, 41 Grove Road, Leighton Buzzard, drug-store proprietors.

TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

Local Public Expenditure

Your trenchant editorial remarks on the position of owners of businesses in relation to rating (p. 185) put the matter in its true perspective. When, in any household, a sudden blow falls -a prolonged illness, a financial reverse, or some other misfortune-the domestic arrangements have to be drastically reorganised; the garment has to be cut according to the cloth. Yet in the average municipal or rural council there seems to be, so far, a very imperfect realisation of the exigencies, present and prospective, of this war. So much is this the case that when we read, as occasionally we do, of a reduction in the rates for the next half-year, we are surprised. There seems to be a vague idea in the public mind that there is plenty of spare money somewhere, in spite of the colossal taxation that lies heavy on us, and that any Government imposing such burdens can afford to disburse something for the relief of local public bodies. Surely this is a mischievous delusion. Local councils, urban and rural, will have to practise economy for much the same reason as private citizens are practising it. A beginning may well be made with municipal services that are being run at a loss, including those that compete with ordinary trading. Your presentation of the case for a reduction in assessments is sound. The periodical forcing up of assessments by local committees is notorious, and in some instances the present figures would be difficult to justify even in peace-time.

Prices of Pre-war Stocks

The brief comment on p. 186 regarding the retail sale of goods purchased at pre-war prices calls attention to a problem likely to trouble retailers for some time to come. A retail chemist may have in stock through no fault of his own (if the expression may be allowed) an unusually good supply of some chemical or galenical purchased, in the ordinary way of business, at a moment when the pound or hundredweight price of it was a few pence lower than usual. Obviously, he can do one of three things: continue to retail at the old price, retail at a higher price, or—as is said to be happening—get rid of his stock by a special type of sale. If he adopts the first course, he may be designated a cutter by his competitors; if he adopts the second course, he may be challenged by a price regulation committee. He will save himself a certain amount of worry if he chooses the third course. But I must not be understood as dogmatising: every retailer must map out his own course.

A "Protective Device"

The report of a meeting of the British Standards Institution on p. xiv of your last week's Coloured Supplement includes the surprising statement that "the anti-gas ointment would be regarded as a protective device rather than a medicinal device.' If this view is to be authoritatively upheld, it will, among other things, effectively prevent any prosecution in respect of alleged deficiency in the composition of this ointment, for it is difficult to imagine a protective device being legally regarded as either a food or a drug. True, there are the provisions of the Merchandise Marks Act to be considered; but a charge of giving a false trade description would presumably need to be substantiated by showing that the protective device in question did not, in fact, protect, and for this purpose experiments on human subjects would be almost indispensable. The situation is a curious one. One may ask whether all prophylaxis is not of the nature of a protective device and, if it is, whether any of it falls within the province of medicine. Everything so used from a simple formalin gargle to the most elaborate toxoid, might well be claimed, ex hypothesi, as a substance to be standardised without the guidance of either medicine or pharmacy.

Accurate Weighing

The paper on variation in weighing, contributed at an Edinburgh meeting by Mr. William Brown and Professor James P. Todd (p. 181), is not the first, and will probably not be the last, on this subject. Although analytical precision is not the aim at the dispensing counter, everyone needs to realise the implications of an inquiry of this kind. The classic on comparative weighings in a matter of national importance, the making of a new standard pound, is still, I believe, the late Professor W. H. Miller's paper in Volume 146 of the "Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society" (pp. 753-946), a record of experiments involving hundreds of weighings and calculations. As a matter of fact, the standard of the year 1844, according to the data then available, weighed 0.00003 gr. more than its theoretical 7,000 grains. It would be of interest to know whether Mr. Brown and Professor Todd have investigated variations in weighing other powders: potassium iodide, however finely powdered, is hardly to be regarded as a representative substance for division into "papers." It may be remarked that the apprentice's pastime of guessing divisions is not one to be encouraged. Xrayser

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY'S EVENING MEETING

Ar an evening meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, at Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.2, on March 12, Mr. W. Deacon (the president) in the chair, Mr. Walter P. Kennedy, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., a member of the Poisons Board, gave an address on

Some Aspects of Drug Addiction

[ABSTRACT]

In this address, the word "drug" will be used in its wide sense, and not limited to the narrow categories "dangerous" or "narcotic." It is true that the great majority of cases of addiction are to drugs in these classes. Some other examples with quite different substances will be instanced. The original use of the word "addiction" in Roman law meant the formal handing over by a court. This developed into the conception of being "bound to a master," and thence we have its modern meaning of using a drug in excess of the medical indication and in response to a craving which the drug itself induces or increases.

A topical and important aspect of drug addiction is the problem of marihuana. This is the name by which the hemp plant Cannabis sativa is known in the United States. In Oriental countries, use of cannabis as hashish (generally smoked), bhang (drunk), charas (usually eaten), and many other names, is ancient and widespread. In the United States marihuana seems to have been first introduced in Louisiana about thirty years ago, probably from Mexico or Central America. It was cheap and the abuse spread even amongst school children, till it was not long before the public conscience became aroused as to the dangers of this vice. At first gradually, and then more rapidly, marihuana spread throughout the States of the Union, and the gravity with which it is regarded may be measured by the penalties inflicted for traffic in this drug. The seriousness of the problem is due to the fact that marihuana is destructive of the moral sense. Unfortunately it appears that initiates are much more readily won over to the seductions of "Mary Jane" or the "reefer" cigarette than is the case with the majority of drugs. While the effects are varied from individual to individual, they are generally characterised by hallucinations of space, time, and frequently colour.

Every effort is made by the South African authorities to stop indulgence in dakha, which is by far the most prevalent addiction in the country, but, as in the U.S.A., the ease with which the weed grows adds to the difficulty of stamping out the vice.

MESCAL AND ETHYLMORPHINE

Another exotic drug which has lately found its way to Europe—though, so far as I know, not to Britain—is mescal or peyote, a cactus from Mexico, which contains several alkaloids. It is neither euphoric nor narcotic (though included in the latter category in the U.S. Federal Legislation), but it is an inebriant producing even more brilliant and prolonged hallucinations than does hashish. The Aztecs used it in their religious ceremonies, probably with some idea that the visions were a sort of contact with the gods. It also produces a strange sensation, as if one were dematerialised. But, as with all such vices, the consequences are severe. The acute effects are vertigo, severe headache, nausea, confusion, distorted sight, and profound disorientation in time. Chronic users suffer mental, moral, and physical deterioration and become useless and unable to work.

In recent years chemists have derived a large number of new substances with medical uses, and synthesised others. Amongst these are a number with narcotic properties, and it has often been claimed that the new narcotic was one free from the dangers of producing addiction; indeed, some have been advocated as substitution cures for morphinism. Some years' experience of a new remedy is, however, necessary for its proper assessment (witness the case of amidopyrine, which was considered safe for years before it was discovered it could cause agranulocytosis). By no means all users of a drug are liable to become addicts, and some time often elapses before the capacity of the drug to produce a craving is recognised. Ethylmorphine is such an example, and it is only lately that it has been recognised as capable of producing addiction. Another interesting example is that of codeine, which is not generally recognised in this country as being a drug of addiction, but in Canada its misuse provides a real problem, and has resulted in special legislation, and this is also the case in Germany.

UNUSUAL ADDICTIONS

We might now turn to consider some unusual addictions and borderline cases, and amongst these one of the most interesting is the misuse of tea. I first came across this in a remarkable tale, "Green Tea," in a book "As in a Glass Darkly," by J. Sheridan Le Fanu, and thought no more of it than as being an excellent piece of fiction until I was assured by a Chinese pharmacologist that in his country intoxicating effects from the excessive use of certain teas were well recognised. Then when a medical student I heard from Dr. John Orr of tea-eating, of which he had seen cases in the Midlands. They were invariably women, and the intoxication produced was a very violent one, an inebriation without any euphoric character. The tea was apparently chewed as a cheap substitute for alcohol.

An interesting series of cases have been quoted by Patterson with reference to excessive use of endocrine products, for example, the fashion which swept through a certain girls' school of taking thyroid for the purpose of securing lithe figures. This is a borderline example since the thyroid could hardly be said to cause a craving in itself. Patterson's series of "adrenalism" cases are perhaps more nearly true addicts. Tremendous amounts were taken by some, for example, 31,000 doses each of a milligram over a period of thirty years; suicide followed on the patient being deprived of adrenalin.

It may surprise some if I refer to aspirin as a drug which gives rise to habit, and without being dogmatic I would merely give my opinion that it does, and add that I am not without some support. An American professor of medicine said to me that one of the things which struck him most forcibly in a first visit to this country was the tremendous amount of aspirin taken by women and young girls.

Coffee has sometimes been regarded as giving rise to addiction and this may perhaps be justifiable. In Iraq coffee is taken in two ways. In the towns it is generally drunk in the Turkish style, that is in small cups, highly sweetened, and almost halt full of grounds. Among the Bedouins the coffee is boiled for a very long time, perhaps overnight, and taken without sugar in three successive doses of between one and two drachms. This is followed by a drink of cold water. I have never indulged in this type of coffee to excess myself, but friends of mine who have assured me that it has a real "kick," if I may be permitted a slang term for which there is no exact scientific equivalent.

The craving for alcohol is an all too familiar example of drug addiction and from it there are some interesting off-shoots which may be noted. It is sometimes taken in unusual forms, for example a pharmacist of my acquaintance had a profitable woman customer who bought a bottle of eau de Cologne every day which he thought she was probably using somewhat extravagantly in her bath. However, one day her husband appeared and asked the pharmacist not to supply any more eau de Cologne as his wife was drinking it, and had been doing so for some time, changing her pharmacist as her husband caught up with the source of supply. A not unimportant form of addiction is provided by certain medicated wines and proprietary preparations which do not disclose the fact that they contain alcohol.

Ether has been used for its intoxicating effects and several cases are recorded in which it has given rise to true addiction. It is perhaps more commonly met with as an occasional indulgence.

In various parts of the world many other plants have been used for their effects on the mind, such as datura, hyoscyamus, betel nut, kola nut, banisteria and many others.

Discussion and Vote of Thanks

The Chairman then threw the meeting open for discussion. Mr. H. Deane said a student of his had tried the effect of Cannabis indica but without result; was this due to an idiosyncrasy or to an old sample? Dr. Kennedy replied that Cannabis indica frequently affected different people in different ways. Mr. Gartside mentioned the extreme violence noticed in methylated spirits drinkers and asked if this was due to the alcohol or to other products in the spirits. The lecturer replied that the effect was possibly due to the denaturant substances.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. R. Melhuish and seconded by Professor E. C. C. Baly.

"THE ART OF DISPENSING" AND A BEST SELLER

When the popular writer brings pharmacy into his or her books the pharmaceutical reader is usually most interested and amused by the howlers which are perpetrated. The words:—

This solution deposits in a few hours the greater part of the strychnine salt as an insoluble bromide in transparent crystals. A lady in England lost her life by taking a similar mixture: the precipitated strychnine collected at the bottom and in taking the last dose she swallowed nearly all of it.

fairly leapt from the printed page and they galvanised into action a mind which was almost dreamily following the words of Hercule Poirot as he explained how a particularly clever murder had been committed. It was unnecessary for the reader to continue to the end of the quotation, the words were perfectly familiar and, when opportunity offered some hours later, without consulting the index, he opened "The Art of Dispensing" at the chapter on "Incompatibles" and the accuracy of the transcription was checked.

In "The Mysterious Affair at Styles," Agatha Christie has written her mystery round the above paragraph from "The Art

of Dispensing" and, as might be expected, since she has so excellent a mentor, her pharmacy is sound. Her forensic pharmacy is not quite so accurate, since a qualified chemist is made to admit long before the passing of the Pharmacy & Poisons Act, 1933 that he sold strychnine to an "unauthorised person," and was censured by the coroner for so doing, although according to the evidence the purchaser was known to the seller, the poison bool was duly signed and the purpose for which the poison was stated to be required correctly entered. Why "unauthorised" and why the "few words of stern censure" with which "the corone dismissed the wretched Mr. Mace"?

There is a young lady who dispenses medicines amongs "hundreds and hundreds of bottles" and "knows what is it each of them" and photographs are taken of fingerprints on a bottle containing strychnine hydrochloride which we are told i "used very little—only occasionally for pills. It is the officia solution, liq. strychnine hydrochlor. that is used most it medicines." The pharmaceutical Latin is not good either her or in the quotation (not quite correctly rendered in the story from "The Art of Dispensing," but the mystery is a profounone and will probably defy the most perspicacious disciple of Galen until he comes to the last few pages.

HALF A CENTURY AGO

R. CHARLES E. DODSLEY, who qualified as a chemist and druggist in 1886, sends us the following account of trade conditions in his early days:—

Apprentice Days

My first job as apprentice was to beat up a 7-lb. pill mass in one of the huge Italian marble mortars now rarely seen, using a pestle weighing 4 or 5 lb. I was not entrusted with the ingredients, which were weighed and mixed by the assistant, but I well remember how my arms ached after a morning's work. I see, almost as clearly as when I was an apprentice, the commodious stock held in the three-storeyed, dormer-windowed, old building and outhouses where my early business days were spent. The outer walls were two feet thick, and the roomy built-in cupboards were crammed with a heterogenous conglomeration of goods. In those days, drug travellers called once in three months—a contrast to present conditions, in which three or four local houses can be relied upon to ring up daily for orders, and when stocks held are, by comparison, small. In my apprentice days we did a good deal of business with country shopkeepers, and in my time I packed many gross of penny packets of baking powder and became an adept at pill making. I think the only job I strongly disliked was sieving sulphur and powdered hellebore for a mixture used in sheep dipping. I took the precaution of inserting a chamomile flower in each nostril, replacing it at intervals with a fresh flower during the making of a batch of 28 to 56 lb. Chloride of lime, too, was unpleasant to handle, but at that time it was almost the only disinfectant in general use in the ash-pit privies that were the means of sanitation in most of the houses of those days.

Stocks

In the oil warehouse were ranged six 40-gallon barrels containing raw linseed oil, colza oil, turpentine, whale oil and Gallipoli oil, the last-named being a paraffin lubricating oil of deep, reddish-yellow colour and reddish bloom. Paraffin oil for lamps, and benzoline, were both kept on tap in an out-building across the yard. This building was kept always locked. The cask of olive oil was in the room behind the shop, where also were lioused such items as whiting in 2-cwt. sacks, lime blue, brown umber and Venetian red, used for colour washes. A considerable trade was done in these commodities, most of the local cottages and smaller houses being white or colour-washed. Oxford othre and red raddle were kept in blocks for sheep marking and white lead, stiff paints, red lead and orange lead in powder were kept in metal drums. Ready-mixed paints were a later innovation, so that in the spring-time paint-mixing was a regular part of each day's work in the shop. In the dry room were stored bales, sacks and casks of such items as chamomile flowers, senna leaves (the pods were not then sold), Irish moss, locust pods, dog biscuits of the large kind, shellac, resin, tartaric acid, cream of tartar, etc., and in three large barrels hemp, canary and rape

seeds. My last job before going into business on my own wa with a firm which had a dozen shops in an industrial area in the north, and packed its own brand of chloride of lime. Air-proo bags for the purpose were made from paper saturated with boiled linseed oil. The chloride of lime came in 5-cwt. casks, and the packing was done in a disused stable by an old soldier. Th packer brought in a daily chit of work done, and on most day drew an advance on the amount due-to slake a not inconsider able thirst. It was in a shop in a busy seaport in the north tha we filtered our own cod liver oil. A small cellar, shut off from the basement, was used for this purpose, and a huge white felt ba capable of holding eight to ten gallons was suspended from th ceiling. Throughout the season it was kept continuously in us for filtering oil obtained from the local fishermen. We had also a substantial sale for black ink, which was supplied to all th schools in the town. A percolator was in constant use for thi purpose. Each charge of logwood, galls and ferrous sulphat produced two gallons of excellent black ink, but towards the en of my three years' service there was a change-over to a non ferrous formula. An article in periodic demand by fishing box owners was cutch, used for tanning sails, nets and tackling.

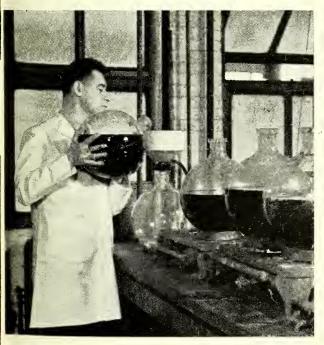
Studies

During my three years at this shop I made a collection of 12 flowers, which I pressed and mounted. These proved later distinct help to my fellow students at Wills' college of pharmac in South-West London. Study for the "Minor" by students othe than those employed in London was in most instances onl possible by means of a correspondence course. There was a goo and up-to-date mechanics' institute in my own town, with a sma chemical laboratory of six benches, but no classes were held I rented a bench during the winter months, and in the evening did practical work alone. Water and gas were laid on, but ther was no fume chamber or apparatus of any kind. Amonge materials I ordered from Maw, Son & Thompson, London, was "a small square of platinum foil." They supplied a piece abou four inches square, the cost of which would have crippled in slender finances, and I promptly returned it. Fortunately, the exchanged it without question for a piece one-and-a-half inchesquare. I passed the "Minor" at first attempt, my examine being, for materia medica, Benger; for botany, Corder; for chemistry, Thresh; and for dispensing, Greenish.

During the half century or so during which I have bee associated with the drug trade, many household commodition originally made and sold by chemists and druggists have come to be marketed and advertised under trade names. Some of the proprietaries the pharmacist today does not even stock; for example, articles in everyday use such as baking powder furniture pastes and creams, french polish, wood stains an varnishes, paints, ginger-beer powders, lemon kali, salad dressing relishes and sauces, condition powders, black oils, white oils an other preparations for veterinary use.



A heap of human hair ready for hydrolysis. Into a 50-litre heatresisting flask 30 lb. of hair (representing some 2,000 hair-cuts) is weighed prior to a ten-hour boiling with hydrochloric acid. A battery of flasks is heated simultaneously. After boiling, the acid-hair mixture is cooled and passed through a filter press, from which it emerges as a clear amber liquid. The filtrate is treated with sodium hydroxide solution in a 100-gallon jar.



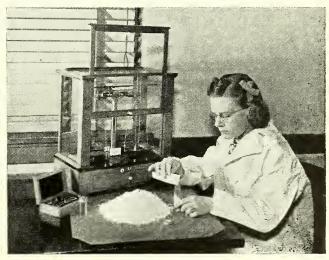
After separation from the mother liquor, the sludge is redissolved in acid and clarified by means of activated charcoal. Fifteen operations are needed for complete purification. At the last stage the solution is water clear and the cystine is precipitated with sodium acetate. The pure precipitate is then separated and dried. Right: The yield from one flask is shown being filled into phials for dispatch to cancer-research institutes.

CYSTINE PRODUCTION

Cystine, a compound obtained from hair, feathers, and other keratinous materials, has applications in cancer research, and substantial quantities are required for this purpose in the United States. To meet the demand, these materials are collected from throughout an extensive area by the Paul-Lewis Laboratories, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by whom it is treated as shown in the accompanying illustrations. The process consists essentially of hydrolysis, precipitation and subsequent purification.



Testing for pH of the filtrate. At the correct point neutralisation is discontinued and a thick, brown sludge of crude cystine separates out.



MANCHESTER TESTING HOUSE

The annual report for the year 1939 of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Testing House and Laboratory states that the laboratory can now handle three times the number of samples that could have been dealt with only a little over a year ago, while reports on tests are issued within twenty-four to thirty-six hours of receipt of sample. When hostilities broke out steps were taken to remove a proportion of the plant and part of the staff to other quarters provided by the British Cotton Industry Research Association, and matters were so arranged that work could go on practically uninterrupted even if one of the stations were put out of action. In nearly all work not of purely routine character that is carried out in the laboratory a considered opinion upon the outcome of the examination is required. The numbers of such special investigations of surgical dressings in recent years have been, in 1937, 1183; 1938, 1277; and 1939, 1109.

During the twelve months from August 1938 to July 1939 the largest number of surgical dressings ever submitted for analysis under the National Health Insurance Act in any twelvemonth period was dealt with. The proportion found to be deficient is compared in the following table with the figures in previous years:

Period	Dı	ressings in o sealed pact		Dressings not in original sealed packets			
August to July	Total	Defic	ient in	Total	Deficient in		
	Total	Quality	Quality Quantity		Quality	Quantity	
1930-1931	1067	117 (11:0 %)	25	55	12	6	
		66	(2.3 %)	18	(21.8 %)	(10.9 %)	
1933-1934	1042	(3.1 %)	(2.3 %)	17	(11·8°%)	(11·8 %)	
		54	28	25	5	I I	
1937-1938	1053	(4·8 %)	(I·I %)	56	(23.2 %)	(3.6 %)	
1938-1939	1117	(5.0 %)	(1·4 %)	39	(33.3 %)	(10.3 %)	

In the course of the work it was necessary to draw attention to many deficiencies, including the following. Samples of white and boric lints contained fewer weft threads than the standard, or were insufficiently or irregularly raised, thus preventing the material from tearing as easily as required. Cotton wools were found to be less free from "neps," leaf and shell, than they should be. Dressings lacking in absorbency were found, some taking several hours instead of ten seconds to sink in water. Other materials, chiefly bandages, yielded two or three times the permitted amount of foreign matter. The percentages of medicament found in certain dressings varied from heavy excesses to extreme deficiencies: there were thus 55 per cent. of boric acid, instead of 35-45 per cent., in a sample of boric lint; I per cent. of to talcyanide, instead of 2-4½ per cent., in a sample of double cyanide gauze; and an imperceptible amount of iodoform, instead of 4 to 6 per cent., in a sample of iodoform gauze. Adhesive-coated or rubber- or oil-proofed appliances were found deficient in coating or proofing, some to the extent of 40 per cent., whilst the fabrics used were sometimes deficient in weight to the extent of 20 per cent. Isolated irregularities discovered were pieces of coloured thread, hard bast fibres, and 25 per cent. of rayon fibre in three samples of cotton wool, and an adhesive plaster so sticky that a large proportion of the adhesive compound adhered to the uncoated side of the fabric when the roll was opened out. The report includes the statement that, while the scheme of testing under the National Health Insurance Act has been officially suspended owing to the war, Insurance Committees are still at liberty to submit dressings and appliances for examination and are doing so in some instances.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 17

Liverpool Branch, Catholic Pharmaceutical Guild, 152 Brownlow Hill, at 3.30 p.n.. Miss K. M. Doran, M.Sc., on "Vivisection."

Tuesday, March 19

Guild of Public Pharmacists, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1, at 7.30 p.m. Annual meeting.

TRADE-MARK APPLICATIONS

The figures in parentheses refer to the classes in which the marks are grouped. A list of classes and particulars as to registration are given in "The Chemist and Druggist Diary and Year-Book," 1940, p. 275.

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," February 28, 1940)

SCHEDULE IV

"Bromanin"; for medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations (5). By Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd., 37 Station Street, Nottingham. 609,981.

"UMP"; for collapsible metal tubes and containers (6). By Universal Metal Products, Ltd., Langley Road, Pendleton, Salford, 6. 609,527 (Associated).

APPLICATION AMENDMENT

According to "The Trade Marks Journal" of February 28, 1940, the specification 607,049 by Midgley & Parkinson, Ltd., Warren Works, Swinnow Lane, Pudsey, Leeds, has been amended to "medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations containing yeast, veterinary and sanitary preparations and substances; infants' and invalids' food."

MEDICAL ABSTRACTS

Burns in Children.—The combined use of gentian violet, tannic acid and silver nitrate is adopted in the treatment of burns and scalds in children according to Dennison, who gives an account of his technique in the "Lancet," November 25, 1939, p. 1107. Theatre treatment of the burn or scald is carried out as for a major surgical operation except that the temperature of the theatre is rather above the normal level (about 80° F.). anæsthetic of choice is gas-and-oxygen, with often a small percentage of ether. Only limited areas are dealt with at a time, for there is a rapid fall in body temperature if the child is entirely uncovered. With gauze moistened with warm saline all detached and blistered epidermis is removed, and the underlying surfaces are gently but rapidly cleansed. Soap and ether are used for cleansing only when the area is grossly contaminated or has been treated with an oily preparation before admission. A I per cent. aqueous solution of gentian violet is then painted over the raw surface. Apart from its antiseptic and coagulating action, this solution clearly demarcates the raw area. The surface is dried by a current of hot air from an electric hair-drier. Gauze soaked in a freshly made 5 per cent. solution of tannic acid is now applied, and while still moist the area is covered with a 10 per cent. solution of silver nitrate in the same manner. Immediate coagulation takes place. The area is again dried by hot air, and a further application of a I per cent. solution of gentian violet is made. On returning to the burns ward, the child is placed under an electric cage, and excessive movements are restricted by splints or bandages. A sedative (usually heroin) is given. No covering is placed over the coagulum. Desoxycorticosterone acetate has proved very valuable in the treatment of toxemia, and the author advocates its use in all cases which develop this complication of burns. In the last five years the treatment has reduced the case-mortality from about 19 per cent. to about 7 per cent. and the incidences of toxæmia and of sepsis from about 33 to about 15 per cent. and 6 per cent. respectively.

New Oestrogenic Compound.—The clinical applications of triphenylchlorethylene have been investigated by Macpherson and Robertson ("Lancet," December 30, 1939, p. 1362). Triphenylchlorethylene is a synthetic substance which simulates the action of cestrogenic hormones. In trials it was administered in the form of oral tablets of 200 mgm., in ampoules containing 250 mgm. in 5 c.c of sesame oil for injection and in cacao butter vaginal suppositories containing 100 mgm. Among the cases treated were four of amenorrheea, sixteen in which menopausal symptoms were troublesome, eight with atrophic vulvitis and twelve in which it was desirable to inhibit lactation. Observation of the cases shows that the compound causes the same effects as the naturally occurring cestrogens, namely, uterine growth, proliferation of the endometrium, withdrawal bleeding, transition of menopausal to cestrous vaginal smear, relief of menopausal symptoms and the inhibition of lactation. On account of the low threshold activity its action is not sudden or dramatic. It is stated that it can be given over a long period in large doses without any definite toxic effects, adequate dosage being therefore easy to maintain and giving remarkable certainty of action. When given orally the duration of its action closely approximates to that of stilbœstrol. By parenteral injection, however, the duration is prolonged; after 500 mgm. by the technique described. effective action persists for from six to nine weeks. Thus a small dosage is sufficient to maintain a continuous high level of œstrogenic activity.

EMPIRE ESSENTIAL OIL DEVELOPMENTS

THE following extracts of reports on investigations of Empire essential oils, at present mostly produced on an experimental scale, are taken from the annual report for 1939 of the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, London, S.W.7.

Palmarosa from Seychelles.—Three samples of palmarosa oil were submitted for examination by the Department of Agriculture. They were distilled from (a) fresh material, and (b) material after different periods of drying, and were all found to contain good percentages of total geraniol and to be generally of similar quality; the sample which had been distilled without delay from fresh material being slightly superior to the others. It thus appeared that the method employed for the preparation of that sample could be recommended.

Turtle from Ceylon.—The Commissioner for the Development of Agricultural Marketing in Ceylon submitted this oil as that of the turtle Dermochelys coriacea. It had a strong fishy odour, and was submitted to deodorising trials and also to decolorising and perfuming tests in order to devise a means of making it marketable. As a result of these trials recommendations were made in the Imperial Institute report as to methods which might be adopted in Ceylon with a view to finding a local market for the product. Observations were also furnished on the types of turtle oil employed in cosmetics and the feasibility of shipping the Ceylon oil in question to the United Kingdom.

Eucalyptus from Southern Rhodesia.—This oil of Eucalyptus citriodora was submitted by the Department of Agriculture in order to ascertain whether its commercial value was sufficient to warrant the planting of the trees mainly for this purpose. It was found to have constants agreeing with those previously recorded for E. citriodora oil, and it appeared probable that, if offered in small lots, the product could be disposed of in the United Kingdom at a price comparable with that of the Australian oil, which was currently realising 4s. to 4s. 6d. per lb. for perfumery and medicinal purposes. This outlet for E. citriodora is, however,

limited, and if large quantities were available it would be necessary to offer them as a source of citronellal, in competition with Java citronella oil, at about 1s. 10½d. per lb.

Geranium from Southern Rhodesia.—This oil has been distilled from plants stated to be *Pelargonium graveolens*, grown at the Salisbury Experiment Station, and was submitted by the Department of Agriculture in order to ascertain its quality and commercial value. It was found to have constants closely resembling those of a sample of *P. graveolens* oil from Southern Rhodesia previously examined at the Imperial Institute, but to be somewhat richer in geraniol. It was of good quality, and represented oil which should be readily saleable in the United Kingdom at a price somewhat below that of Algerian geranium oil, which was currently quoted in London at 10s. 4½d. per lb., c.i.f.

Geranium from St. Helena.—Five samples of geranium oil obtained from different varieties of pelargonium plants, and one sample of lemongrass oil, were submitted by the Agricultural and Forestry Department for examination. The samples of geranium oil were found to have constants closely resembling those of Bourbon and Algerian geranium oils, and to contain satisfactory amounts of "total geraniol." Three of the oils were, however, superior to the others, and were regarded by essential oil distillers as of promising commercial quality, and it was suggested in the Imperial Institute report that the propagation of the varieties of plant concerned might usefully be continued, in order to compare the yields of oil obtainable and to ascertain whether the quality of the oil could be maintained. The lemongrass oil was found to have constants closely resembling those of West Indian lemongrass oil obtained from Cymbopogon citratus, and to some extent approximating to those of Cochin lemongrass oil derived from Cymbopogon flexuosus. It had a satisfactory odour, and contained a good percentage of citral, and was considered of about equal market value to Cochin lemongrass oil. which was currently selling at about 3s. 3d. per lb., c.i.f. London.

FRENCH PERFUMERS AND THE WAR

RENCH perfumers are more than satisfied that the recent economic conversations carried on between Great Britain and France have terminated in an agreement that will open the British market once again for French trade. With the disappearance of this restriction the industry takes a further step towards normal conditions, as they existed in prewar days. It would be untrue to suggest that an industry such as perfumery manufacture has passed, or could pass, unscathed through so trying a period as the present. But, as M. Pasteur (Houbigant) explained: "If conditions, for the duration of the war, grow no worse than they are now, the perfumery industry will not complain."

Manufacturing Problems

A survey of this vital trade, for it is vital to France as the Government admits, must be classified under three headings: (I) accessories; (2) raw materials; and (3) the retail trade. Classification No. 1 includes bottles, packs, metal caps, etc. Manufacturers are finding no real difficulties in obtaining the necessary bottles, although at the beginning of the war the intensive traffic on the railways did hinder deliveries. Bottle manufacturers, too, who have troubles of their own, were not loath to pass them on. This meant that orders were then (and are still) held over for several weeks longer than they would have been before the war. That, however, is the only bottle difficulty worrying perfumers. Cardboard and paper for packages present a more difficult problem, the solution of which will not be easy to find. Paper is, of course, short in all countries, and the future is uncertain. On the other hand, the large houses hold sufficient stocks to be able to carry them over the present difficult period. M. Vaste (Bourgeois) explained that large buyers with outstanding contracts could look forward with equanimity into the immediate future, although the situation would certainly not improve with time. The real problem is metal—a product necessary for the national defence and therefore not easily procurable for the perfume industry. At the time of writing, metal capsules are still being used by the large firms, and no immediate change is contemplated. The future is uncertain, however. M.

Gallet (Roger and Gallet) stated: "If the shortage becomes really acute we shall have to find other materials, such as plastics, but such an unfortunate situation is not envisaged for the moment." On the whole, it is reasonably accurate to state that neither glass, cardboard nor metal shortages are serious at the moment. The large makers have stocks and contracts that will be filled, while no new models are being brought out to put a further strain on supplies.

Turning to the perfumes themselves, two major problems confront the industry, neither of which, at the moment, is sufficiently acute to cause anxiety. Fats are difficult to get for the manufacture of soap. M. Gallet explained that stocks are low, too, and that it has become a question of working from week to week. Import licences are necessary for fats, and manufacturers have had to buy wherever they can and at the same time wage a "battle royal" for the necessary licences. In spite of these difficulties, production has been maintained at near pre-war levels and it is hoped present difficulties will not increase. Production may then be maintained. Essentials oils present another problem, not quite so difficult yet providing an issue of their own. When war broke out the Americans "panicked," fearing that they might be cut off from supplies. The market was invaded and crops were bought up hastily. Once again the large buyers triumphed, since each one has now a part of the crop reserved, but the smaller houses did not find the question quite so easy. The Government, too, encouraged American buyers, because exports mean foreign exchange. Licences are also necessary for importing essential oils such as rose otto from Bulgaria, and a tussle generally ensures with the Government over these. At the opening of hostilities the Government refused licences for the import of stearic acid, so necessary a compound in the manufacture of beauty products. Had this unreasonable refusal been upheld, the industry would have suffered severely, but finally licences were granted for much smaller quantities than are really needed. Some quantity has been bought in England. The Bourgeois organisation experienced further difficulty, at the beginning of the war, in exporting certain raw materials to England for use in the London factory.

Lemon oil, for example, was a prohibited export, but the Government has now raised its objections, and trade, if not back to normal, is not unsatisfactory.

The Retail Side

Retail trade brings forward the question of prices. Since the war a strict control has been set up by the Government to prevent unnecessary price increases. It will be readily understood that where Governments and prices are concerned there is generally friction, but whereas many industries have suffered from serious interference, the perfumery trade does not expect trouble from that direction. Prices until now have not been raised, though the question is being discussed. Under Government control the perfumery industry may raise prices without permission, but it will have to justify the increases when questioned by the authorities. In this the trade is fortunate, for in many other industries the authorities have stopped increases that have been considered, by manufacturers and retailers alike, to be perfectly justified. Because of this, few manufacturers have been willing to discuss the question of price increases. A decision has not, as yet, been reached by the Syndicate, though it is apparent even now that, whatever the decision may be, each firm will be left a perfectly free hand. It is possible to indicate, however, that increases may be expected of from 10 to 35 per cent. As the large perfumers will not raise their prices until circumstances force them to do so, the smaller manufacturers find themselves in an unenviable position, since their whole reason for existence is the lower-priced perfumes they produce. A luxury article enjoys a prestige value, and a firm with a great tradition will not experience a reduced turn-over if prices go up; the smaller manufacturer, on the other hand, at once feels the effect diminishing returns if he raises prices.

The effect is aggravated when raw material prices rise, as they are doing, and he is compelled to buy in the highest market.

This situation is probably the reason for the surprising lack of "war effort" among perfumers. There are no "war packs" in Paris, no "war windows." No special containers have been designed, nor have any of the large houses encouraged displays having a martial flavour. Some of the smaller retail shops have, however, offered "soldiers" packs" to the public, consisting of soap, shaving soap, eau de Cologne and one or two toilet articles ready packed, offered at a price related to the quantity and quality of the articles.

Business is very fair and has largely moved into the provinces, where a great many Parisians have evacuated. There has been some fall in lotion sales, owing to the closing of hairdressing establishments and chemists' shops through mobilisation, but many are now reopening, either because some of the older men have been released from the army or because arrangements are being made to find men of non-military age to run the businesses. This question raises the final problem, that of labour. Few of the large firms have seriously felt the effects of war on labour. The actual manufacturing side employs mostly women, and only the executive and technical sides have been robbed of their directors and chemists. Many of these, however, are over military age, and in special circumstances even younger chemists have been released from military service because the Government realises the importance of the perfumery trade to France. The final position, therefore, cannot be said to be unsatisfactory. Exports to the United States are being maintained in spite of seriously increased freight charges, which have been partly countered by the increased value of the dollar against the franc. The opening of the British market is, of course, welcomed.

INTER-ALLIED COMMERCE IN PERFUMERY

RIENDSHIP between Great Britain and France has decome, since September 1939, a reality in many new directions. Considerable publicity has been given to decisions to buy in common, sell in common, and generally to increase inter-Allied trade - all of which help to strengthen the bonds between the two countries. Naturally, plans dealing with the successful conduct of the war come first, and non-essential trades are thus relegated to second place. In England, French perfumery is among industries classified as luxury trades, yet it may be said that most of the necessities of a highly civilised country are luxuries from the standpoint of a person living in a less advanced state of civilisation. So long as men are permitted to buy their beer and cigarettes, a good case can be put up for the argument that women (who, after all, are working and serving in the war) should reasonably be allowed to continue using perfumery and cosmetic products.

State of Industry in France

The actual position is, however, that French manufacturers have not been allowed to export their perfumes to England, though the position is improved by the recently concluded agreement, and find it increasingly difficult to do so to the British Colonies and Dominions. Import of perfumery into England was prohibited at the beginning of the war, and the ban proved a severe blow to the French manufacturers. Another factor in the situation in which the French perfumery industry finds itself is that when British rates of duty were raised some years ago, several French perfumers opened factories in England. In these factories were manufactured the whole of the perfumes (of the brands affected) required for the markets of Britain and the Empire. The spirit used in the manufacture of high-class perfumes is, however, highly taxed, and the rate of tax has recently been increased. The result of this has been that the manufacture of eau de Cologne with ethyl alcohol has become extremely costly, and it is understood that many perfumers in England have had to abandon the use of pure spirit in favour of cheaper spirits such as methyl alcohol. The whole of the perfumery trade has suffered in consequence, while the duty on pure alcohol used in perfumery no longer brings in an appreciable revenue to the Exchequer. Further, certain types of bottles formerly made in Bohemia are now made in France. It might be thought that this would provide French bottle manufacturers with a new market in this country, since there is virtually no manufacture of bottles of similar type in England, but here again import into England has been

restricted, together with the import of boxes for face-powder packings. There are at present good stocks of the raw materials for these containers in France, while products from certain sources are imported into that country under licence. The chief manufacturing difficulty at present is the dislocation caused by the general mobilisation, which has taken men of all ages from their normal occupations, so that they are now serving the armed Forces, or as chemists or civilians in war factories. Against this it may be remarked that the women of France have done men's work in previous emergencies and are, in fact, already doing their share again, while transport is certainly easier today than it was during the period of mobilisation. Raw material prices have increased about 20 per cent., and those of finished products, on an average, about 15 per cent., though the increase is less for high-class products. A problem the manufacturers of beauty creams, etc., have to face is the difficulty of obtaining beef tallow. There are now three "beefless' days in France every week for civilians, while cattle sent for Army feeding have usually lost fat before being killed. Moreover Army slaughterers are not invariably skilled, and some part of the remaining fat is possibly wasted. Demand, however, has not declined but increased. A great deal of tallow is required for waterproofing godasses (the French soldier's boots), and larger quantities are needed for candles and other articles for the Army. Supplies are certainly being bought in Australia, but tallow from this source contains a proportion of mutton fat, which makes it unsuitable as a component for a number of products. It is possible, therefore, that production of certain cosmetic products may be less than usual.

Future Prospects

Excluding French perfumery manufactured in England, France sold 21,000,000 francs' worth of perfumery to England in 1938, and, by the time French perfumes are once more on sale in this country, there will be a great many more British goods on sale in France. Many French people have long had a weakness for English goods, and have continued to buy them when, owing to rate of exchange, Customs, and taxes, the prices seemed most extravagant to English visitors abroad. These purchasers will be augmented by others who have come to know this country's products as a result of contact with British subjects in France for war purposes. French perfumery manufacturers, who are making great efforts to maintain their exports, would equally like to have Great Britain and the British Empire numbered among the markets fully open to them—H.T. (7/2).

KEEPING UP PERFUME SALES

HE hitherto uneven tempo of the war tends to ive rise to an unettled feeling among ustomers that may dversely affect the uxury trades. An ccasional brilliant chievement on one ide, or a tragic disaser on the other, is ollowed by unevental weeks of apparent nactivity. Everyone xpects drastic hapenings sometime, but ntil they do occur, nd even after, every ttempt should be nade to run business s usual, and to stimuite sales whenever ossible. Perfume is ssentially a luxury rade, but the ladies nay be reminded that t is for them to keep he "home front" as right and cheery as ossible. However. hen minds are filled ith doubts of the uture, special efforts re required to keep erfumery sales up to

Showcards

The display illustrated on this page tresses two major themes: "BRIGHTEN HE HOME FRONT" In d "PERSONAL TRESHYESS." There is no doubt that the atter theme has been he subject of one of the most successful divertising campaigns of recent years. Careul study of perfumery divertisements reveals

hat they all stress, as delicately as possible, personal freshness. This analysis is made use of in assembling the display. The wo themes are put forward in two handwritten showcards. The part carries the actual words "BRIGHTEN THE HOME FRONT"; he second is of a more conversational type, worded as follows:-The right perfume assists and emphasises personal freshness. the beauty be a duty and keep the 'home front' fresh, bright and heerful." The principal card is placed in a prominent position to the back of the window, while the "conversation piece" is placed in the centre of the window and towards the front (for the window). asy reading). The display should naturally have a fresh, bright ppearance and, with this aim in view, the background and base of the display were carried out in pale blue fabric, the stocks of perfumes being built attractively before and upon them. Readers vill be familiar with rumours in the trade that there is shortly o be a general increase in the prices of perfumes. There are igns that suggest this particular rumour may be true. Already here have been price increases in some quarters. pottles are scarce or unobtainable, and British-made bottles are nore expensive than before the war. Prices of volatile oils and perfume bases are increasing, and showcards have recently been ssued that are not marked with the prices of the products. It would therefore seem a wise policy to buy extra stocks of perfumes now, while the manufacturers are in a position to supply



speedily, and before the changes foreshadowed are put into operation. Obviously there is not the slightest risk of retailers being left with "dead" stock.

At the present time most chemists are inclined to keep in the background their stocks of French perfumes, soaps and cosmetics. There is prudence in this policy so long as it is based on the prohibition of imports of French perfumery manufactures into this country. There are usually regular customers for special brands whom every chemist will wish to satisfy before letting scarce stocks go to chance customers. However, as will be seen from articles on other pages in this issue, the ban has been lifted. Not only so but French and British manufacturers and exporters in many industries are getting together both officially and unofficially to promote war-time trade between the two countries. The effect of this will no doubt take some weeks to be experienced by retail distributors, but eventually there should be a resumption of something like normal supplies and distribution. In the circumstances, while chief prominence will naturally be given to British perfumery products in the display, chemists who have any appreciable stock of French products put by may safely include a few of the more popular in the window, thus converting it into what is virtually an "Entente cordiale" display. In suitable circumstances a most attractive setting could be made in the colours red, white and blue.—Spencer Wells (12/3).

PHARMACEUTICAL PRESERVATIVES

THE manufacture of modern pharmaceutical preservatives has in the past been carried out to a large extent in Germany, and until the outbreak of war products from that source were steadily gaining popularity in the United Kingdom. Production of these compounds has now been commenced on a large scale in this country by Nipa Laboratories, Ltd., and the following is an account of the use of these products in pharmaceutical practice. The Cardiff works of this company are now adding several new products to their antiseptics, antioxidants and preservatives, which include Nipagin and Nipasol. One of these is Nipa Sterilisator I, which possesses the property of being able to kill very resistant spores by means of combining various higher esters in an average concentration of 0.12 per cent. Another new product is an antioxidant for pharmaceutical and cosmetic purposes, Nipa 49, which is also a higher ester of another organic acid. This product is of value in preventing oils, fats, animal and vegetable, fatty and oily ointments, emulsions, creams and the like from becoming rancid. In addition to a modern factory, the company has chemical and bacteriological laboratories where they are ready to examine, free of charge, materials submitted by customers with a view to recommending preservatives, antispetics, or antioxidants suitable for the different pharmaceutical, cosmetic, or technical purposes. The accompanying illustrations show part of the exterior and interior of the company's factory on the Treforest Trading Estate, Cardiff.

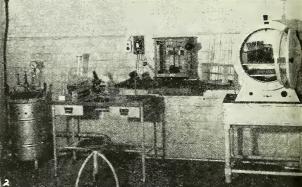
In considering the problem of sterilisation and preservation of pharmaceutical preparations two important factors must be borne in mind. Firstly, direct injurious effects on the patient by bacteria must be avoided; secondly, it is necessary to avoid loss by deterioration of a substance caused by bacterial growth. The correct preparation of any medicinal product according to a formula depends not only on the use of accurate doses of substances, but the final preparation must also possess sufficient durability. Bacterial decomposition may reduce durability, with the consequent formation of poisonous assimilation products, the harmful action of dead organisms following injections and the chemical reactions caused by bacteria. For instance, it has been shown that in ampoules containing scopolamine and opium, which, owing to insufficient sterilisation, was attacked by fungi, the alkaloids were completely destroyed. Similarly in a solution of potassium chlorate stored for a year, the chlorate was reduced to chloride by the activity of penicillium; furthermore, in pills containing arsenious acid there occurred a reduction of the substance to diethyl arsine by Aspergillus glaucus. The following examples may show how far aqueous solutions of chemical substances may be attacked by micro-organisms. Bacteria, yeasts and mould fungi have been found in solutions of alum, boric acid, arsenic, potassium chlorate, iron albuminate; bacteria and moulds have also been found in solutions of atropine, codein phosphate, morphine, tartaric acid, zinc sulphate; moulds have been detected in solutions of borax, sodium bromide, cocaine, caffeine, sodium salicylate.

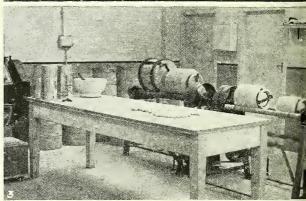
A considerable number of chemical substances can be used in pharmaceutical practice to effect sterilisation, but many are unsuitable for medicinal products because of their poisonous effect. Experiments have shown that the addition of small quantities of esters of p. hydroxybenzoic acid, especially the methyl-ethyl and propyl- and benzyl-esters hinders the development of micro-organisms in the preparation. These esters have been found to be superior to other substances used as preservatives and are less harmful to human beings. The esters, or combinations of different esters, not only keep a sterilised solutions sterile, but also kill the germs living in unsterilised solutions. The esters referred to are neutral, odourless and tasteless compounds, and are not changed by very dilute acids or alkalis.

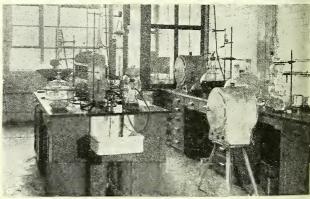
The following table shows a comparison of the efficiency of the different esters with that of phenol—

Compo	und	Fermenta- tion inhibiting	Growth inhibiting	Germicidal action
Phenol Methyl ester Ethyl ester Propyl ester Benzyl ester		 3.7 5.3 25 69	1 3 8 17 109	1 2.6 7.1 15 63









- (1) Exterior view of part of factory
- (2) Part of the bacteriological laboratory
- (3) A corner of the machinery room
- (4) View of general laboratory

From the table it will be seen that the activity increases in proortion to the alkyl group. As the esters are soluble in water to limited extent, sometimes the necessary concentration for a eliable bactericidal action cannot be obtained with a single ompound, and in such cases a combination of different esters a divisable, such as 0.07 per cent. of the methyl-ethyl ester plus of per cent. of the propyl ester. Such a combination is more eadily soluble and its action is even stronger than the sum of its ompounds.

Alternatives to these esters are their sodium compounds which re easily soluble in water and, unlike the sodium salts of other reservatives, do not depend for their bactericidal and preserving ction on the reaction of the material. Furthermore, in the bsence of albumen also, they retain their full activity against nicro-organisms.

Tests on human beings and animals fed and injected with these ubstances show that the esters are less toxic than many preervatives used hitherto when used *per os* as well as in collyria
nd also for subcutaneous, intramuscular and intravenous injecions. When solutions, which were specially prepared and stored
on-sterile, were injected it could not be shown that any harm
vas done to the organism nor to the health in general, nor was
here any irritation at the place of injection.

The following table gives an indication of the strength of ompound required for the preservation of a number of preparations met with in pharmaceutical practice.

Preparation	Methyl- ethyl ester Per cent.		Propyl ester Per cent.	prop	odium yl ester er cent.
Agar emulsions	0.04-0.08				
Almond lotions		+	0.05		
Carragheen (Irish moss)		or	0.12		_
Cod liver oil emulsions	. o·I	+			0.1
Creams:					
Fat-free	0.02-0.12		_		ordered to
5-10% fats	. —		0.13		_
10-20% fats	. —		0.12		
Over 20% fats			0.03 -0.3	2.5	
Creams with lecithin,					
cholesterin and hormone	s 0.25	+	0.02		
Drug infusions	. 0.15	or	0.5		
Emulsions	. 0·I	+	0.02		
Eye drops or washes .	. o·o6	+	0.03	or	0.2
Gelatin solutions	. O'I		_		
Glycerin jelly or solution .	. 0.15				
Gums, solutions	. 0.13		_		_
Hair preparations	. O·I -O·2				
Injection solutions	. 0.052	+	0.028	or	0.2
Lipsticks			0.3		
Mouth washes, antispetic .	. 0.26	+	0.14		
Mucilages	. 0.1 -0.2		_	or	0.12
Oil solutions	. 0.12	+	0.12		-
Ointments, fatty	. 0.2	+	0.1		
Starch solutions	. o·1	+	0.02		strumene
Suppositories	. 0.15-0.2	+	0.1 -0.5		
Syrups, cough	. 0.06-0.15			or	0.12
Tooth pastes	. o·i -o·2	+		or	0.1

U.S.P. STANDARDS FOR CATGUT

New standards for surgical catgut become official in the United states of America on July 1, 1940. From that date any suture narketed for surgical use must, under the Federal Food, Drug nd Cosmetic Act, 1938, meet the requirements of the United states Pharmacopæia, and any manufacturer distributing, for urgical use, catgut which differs from the Pharmacopæial equirements must label his product to indicate that it is not of J.S.P. quality, and state every respect in which it differs from the Pharmacopæial product. A definition of surgical catgut, ogether with its physical properties, tests for purity, procedure or labelling and storage, etc., is given in second supplement to the U.S.P. eleventh decennial revision. The following are details of the new standards.

Sterility.—Anything employed as a suturing material in animal bodies must be sterile beyond any question of doubt. Although the processes employed in the fabrication of the raw catgut remove all foreign material and most bacteria, some of the latter still persist. After processing, sutures are accordingly sterilised. The choice of technique is left to the discretion of the manufacturer, but, to avoid the possibility of contamination after proper sterilisation, the U.S.P. requires that each strand shall be preserved in an individual hermetically-sealed glass container in which sterilisation has been effected, and presents a rigid laboratory technique to be used for determining the sterility of the marketable samples. It also requires that a lot number be placed on all packages of surgical catgut, to serve to identify the method and time of sterilisation, and the composition of any tubing fluid used.

Tensile Strength.—The various sizes of catgut must meet a minimum tensile strength as determined on the average of the strength of five strands from any one lot.

Length and Diameter.—Measurements of length are to be within 10 per cent. of the length stated on the label. The diameter must be even and accurate of gauge. The U.S.P. presents a table giving a minimum and maximum diameter for each of the different sizes of catgut, details the technique for determining the diameter of each strand, and requires that at least two of three measurements, taken at points located approximately at each quarter of the length of the suture, shall fall within the diameter limits specified in the table.

Absorption.—The rate of absorption is influenced by the kind of catgut used, by the physical condition of each person, and to the degree that the condition of the patients' tissues varies from normal. Plain catgut is absorbed usually within three days. By tanning or chemical treatment (usually chromicising) absorption is delayed, and chromicised sutures are com-

monly labelled "chromic sutures, ten days" or "twenty days" or "forty days." The number of days indicated is supposed to denote the period of time the chromic catgut will hold together the sutured tissues. In reality, the days indicate the approximate period of time the catgut is found to resist complete digestion by tissue enzymes when embedded in normal striated living muscle of animals. Necessarily this does not bear an accurate relation to the absorption time in the human body. Surgeons report that the time indicated is frequently misleading, and the Pharmacopæia has abandoned the practice of noting a time period or number of days. If the catgut has been tanned or otherwise treated to resist digestion, a note on the label of "mild," "medium" or "prolonged" treatment is to be made. This indicates approximately the kind or extent of chromicising or other treatment. In the present U.S.P. text an absorption test is not presented. This is regretted, but it is emphasised that, in the U.S.P., catgut is standardised as far as is practicable at present. No one has yet devised an absorbability test which is acceptable generally as a standard technique. The surgeon requires assurance that the catgut he is using will not be absorbed by the body before the wound has healed; too rapid absorption has serious and often fatal consequences for the patient. The manufacturer can control this to a marked degree, and if the structural make-up of the gut, method of treatment and looseness of twisted strands are noted, incomplete or delayed absorption becomes of less importance. Recent investigations have indicated that, in sealed ampoules at low temperatures, trypsin may be sufficiently stable to render it possible to develop a digestion test, using a standard U.S.P. reference trypsin preparation as the digestive agent. Arrangements are being made to supply this standard trypsin. With this factor properly controlled, and after further intensive investigation, a standard test of absorbability is expected to be available in the near future. The synthetic digestion test, which simulates the action of body enzymes, can be duplicated under identical conditions at all times; rate of absorption and evenness of absorption along the entire length of a given strand can be noted. But until the test is properly controlled, and before such technique has proved to be a measurable and reliable standard, its admittance into the U.S.P. will not be considered.

Invalids' rations unchanged.—In reply to a question by Mr. Graham White, on March 6, the Minister of Food (Mr. W. S. Morrison) said that any increase in the butter ration would be available to diabetics, but that for reasons previously stated, he would not be justified in authorising the issue to invalids of any allowance of butter in addition to the prescribed ration.

TRADE NOTES

SANOID ZINC AND STARCH POWDER.—Cuxson, Gerrard & Co., Ltd., Oldbury, publish the revised wholesale and retail prices of Sanoid zinc and starch toilet powder in their advertisement in this issue.

VINOLIA Co., LTD., Bebington, Cheshire, have adopted substitute containers for Vinolia shaving sticks and solidified



brilliantine owing to the fact that aluminium is no longer available for commercial purposes. The former is supplied in a cream and blue metal container, but in the original carton, which now bears an emergency slip notifying the alteration. The brilliantine is packed in an embossed tin plate container. Both products are shown in the illustration above.

PRICE INCREASE.—Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd., Greenford, Middlesex, announce that from March II the prices of complete and spare Glaxo feeders have been increased. The prices of teats and valves remain unchanged.

Chemists' confectionery in tins.—Meggeson & Co., Ltd., Llewellyn Street, London, S.E.16, announce that there is no shortage of Meggeson pastilles, tablets or lozenges, which they can supply packed in tins or cartons; while slight delays that may have occurred in the past, due to transport difficulties, have now been overcome.

Showcards for sponges.—Cresswell Brothers, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.I, have issued two striking cut-out showcards for calling attention to sponges. One contains a message, "Put a sponge in his or her kit bag"; the other reminds a customer that a sponge is "a necessity and a joy." Copies of the showcards may be obtained on request.

Sanogyl dentifice.—Sealand Trading, Ltd., Regent House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, inform us that their Sanogyl dentifice is affected by the recent amendment to the Poisons Rules exempting from the First Schedule dentifices containing 0.5 per cent. of acetarsol. From April 1, therefore, Sanogyl may be supplied without prescription, but on account of its acetarsol content it remains in Part I of the Poisons List. The sale is thus confined to chemists.

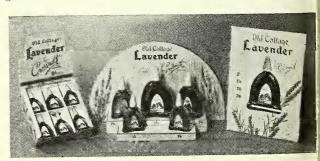
RED HEART DOG FOOD.—John Morrell & Co., Ltd., 57 Victoria Street, Liverpool, I, are calling attention in the Press to the advantages of their Red Heart dog food, which contains a balanced diet comprising beef, cereals, vegetables, cod liver oil and yeast in correct proportion to maintain the health of all breeds. Red Heart is available in three flavours and is likely to be in increased demand with the advent of meat rationing. Particulars as to wholesale and retail prices are given in the company's advertisement.

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Easter holidays.—The following wholesale houses have informed us that their premises will be closed from Thursdavening, March 21, until Tuesday morning, March 26: ANGLO FRENCH DRUG Co., LTD. (urgent supplies from John Bell & Croyden, 50 Wigmore Street, London, W.I); BAYER PRODUCTS LTD. (urgent supplies from John Bell & Croyden or from R. Woolby Brooke, 38 Gloucester Road, S.W.7); The Britisi Drug Houses, Ltd.; Burgoyne Burbidges & Co., Ltd. Burroughs Wellcome & Co.; Dakin Bros., Ltd.; Endo CRINES-SPICER, LTD.; ROBERT FERBER, LTD.; GLAXO LABORA TORIES, LTD. (urgent orders can be dealt with on March 23) HARWOODS LABORATORIES, LTD.; C. J. HEWLETT & SON, LTD (open Saturday, March 23); Homburg Pharma, Ltd. (urgen supplies from John Bell & Croyden); Kaylene, Ltd. S. Maw, Son & Sons, Ltd. (for general business); Meg Geson & Co., Ltd. (from 1 p.m., March 21); H. R. Napplis (Croyden); World Dell & Croyden and Ltd. (urgent supplies from John Bell & Croyden, or R. Woolby Brooke); Parke, Davis & Co. (urgent supplies daily 10 a.m to noon, and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., except Sunday evening); Pharma CEUTICAL SPECIALITIES (MAY & BAKER), LTD. (urgent order from Curtis & Co., 79 Baker Street, London, W.I, and W Martindale, 50 Wigmore Street, W.I); WILLIAM RANSOM & SON LTD.; R. J. REUTER CO. LTD.; ROCHE PRODUCTS, LTD. (urgent order days and problem from John Bell & Crystein P. R. Woolly orders day and night from John Bell & Croyden, or R. Woolby Brooke); Schering, Ltd. (urgent orders can be dealt with between 10 a.m. and noon on March 23; at other times supplied can be obtained from John Bell & Croyden, or W. Martindale) SHARP & DOHME, LTD. (open Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to noon; urgent supplies from John Bell & Croyden or R. Woolby Brooke); James Woolley Sons & Co., Ltd. (open Saturday March 23); Wright, Layman & Umney, Ltd.; Allen & Hanbury's, Ltd. (urgent orders to Vere Street).

OLD COTTAGE LAVENDER.—J. Grossmith & Son, Ltd., Newgate Street, London, E.C., have introduced this season a new



series of Old Cottage Lavender. The distinctive packs and display material are shown in the accompanying illustration. The green bottles with cream caps stand out in a striking manner against the white background of the stand, the whole presenting a pleasing note of freshness. The green bottles have the added advantage of protecting the perfume, which maintains the Grossmith standard, from strong light during summer months. There are six sizes, with prices ranging from 6d. to 5s. Prompt delivery can be made from stock.

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Addition to Protected List.—A. Wander, Ltd., Ovaltine tablets, 4d., 3s. 2d. doz.; 1s. 3d., 12s. doz.

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BIRTHS

Notices for insertion in this column must be properly authenticated

Barrie—At 9 Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh, on February 24, the wife of D. Barrie, M.P.S., Corstorphine, of a son.

MARRIAGES

HAYES—OLDFIELD.—At the Congregational Church, Allerton, Bradford, on February 24, by the Rev. Leslie Hall, Walter Hayes, M.P.S. (representative staff of James Woolley, Sons & Co., Ltd., Manchester) to Elsie Oldfield.

Hudson—Davis.—On March 9, Walter Hudson, M.P.S., Skegness, to Gwendoline Davis.

Taylor—Eadie.—At St. Columba's Church, Pont Street, London, S.W., on March 6, Charles Allison Taylor to Isabella Cassells Marr Eadie, M.P.S. (formerly on the staff of Parke, Davis & Co.).

DEATHS

CALLAM.—Recently, Mr. William Eggleton Callam, M.P.S., 194 Crystal Palace Road, London, S.E.22, aged seventy-three.

COOPER.—Recently, Mr. Thomas Cooper, chemist and druggist, Mount Pleasant, Upton, Macclesfield, aged ninety-three. Mr. Cooper passed the Modified examination of the Pharmaceutical Society in 1870.

CRABTREE.—On March 8, Mr. Edward Crabtree, M.P.S., Todmorden, aged fifty-six. Mr. Crabtree had been in business locally for twenty-five years, and was past-president and former secretary of Todmorden Chamber of Trade. He was also local representative on the West Riding County Council.

CUNNINGHAM.—At Balmoral Drive, Cambuslang, on March 4, Mr. John James Cunningham, chemist and druggist, aged eighty.

FIELD.—Recently, Mr. George Rogers Field, M.P.S., 684 Chester Road, Erdington, Birmingham, aged sixty-five.

Freeman.—Recently, Mr. Henry Swift Freeman, M.P.S., 58 Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston. Mr. Freeman passed the Minor examination in 1892.

GREENSILL.—Recently, Mr. Edward Merrick Greensill, M.P.S., Market Place, South Normanton, Derbyshire, aged ninety-six. Mr. Greensill was in business prior to the coming into force of the Pharmacy Act, 1868.

Jones.—Recently, Mr. Frank Jones, M.P.S., 63 New Bottle Street, Houghton-le-Spring, aged sixty-four.

KYLE.—At his residence, "Morna," College Avenue, Bangor, co. Down, on March 4, Mr. Hugh Kyle, Ph.C. Mr. Kyle was apprenticed to Mr. T. B. Gorman, Bangor, and was for some years in business on his own account in Main Street. Keenly interested in music, Mr. Kyle was a member of the Bangor Harmonic Society and the Bangor Choral Society, acting as ecretary of the latter organisation.

LESTER.—On March 6, Mr. William Henry Lester, M.P.S., 3 Hinckley Road, Nuneaton.

Lowe.—At his home in Stalybridge, on March 10, Mr. Arthur lowe, aged forty-four. Mr. Lowe was for over twenty years a ralued representative of Potter & Clarke, Ltd., and was attached their Manchester branch.

McGLashan.—Recently, Mr. Peter McGlashan, retired chemist and druggist, St. Andrew Street, Alyth. Mr. McGlashan passed he Minor examination in 1893.

McInroy.—Recently, Mr. James McInroy, M.P.S., Newholme, hester Road, Little Sutton, Cheshire, aged seventy-six.

OLDS.—At his home, "Moreton," Upper Oldfield Park, Bath, In March 10, Mr. Arthur Charles Olds, M.P.S. (A. C. Olds & Co., td., chemists, Argyle Street), aged seventy-six. Mr. Olds had not njoyed the best of health during the past year, but his death, ue to heart failure, was unexpected. He became proprietor of he business in Argyle Street in 1891, and in 1908 took Mr. W. J. purway, Ph.C., into partnership. In 1923, the business was onverted into a limited company. In the earlier days, Mr. Olds lso owned a chemist's business at Grosvenor, but subsequently isposed of this. As a young man he was a keen cyclist, nd later he became a keen golfer, being a member of the ansdown Club, and, after the last war, took an active part in

re-forming it. Mr. Olds was also a member of the City Club. He attended the Abbey and was a sidesman there. Some years ago he took a prominent part in Freemasonry. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, the chair of which he occupied in 1913. He held provincial rank as Provincial Grand Organist. He leaves a widow and three daughters, one of whom, Mrs. T. J. Cornish, is the wife of the proprietor of the business of Mills & Mills, chemists, George Street, Bath.

Roberts.—On February 25, Mr. Herbert Roberts, Ph.C., 250 Shankill Road, Belfast, aged forty-three. Mr. Roberts was associated in business with his father, Mr. E. J. Roberts, Ph.C.

Saunders.—Recently, Mr. Hugh Francis Saunders, M.P.S., East Barnet Road, New Barnet. Mr. Saunders passed the Minor examination in 1901.

SUTCLIFFE.—At Buxton, recently, Mr. Isaac Sutcliffe, chemist and druggist, aged eighty-three. Mr. Sutcliffe was formerly in business at Mossley and Ashton-under-Lyne.

Thompson.—At 101 Enfield Street, Belfast, on February 21, Mr. Andrew George Thompson, R.D. Mr. Thompson, who had been living in retirement for the past few years, was registered in 1892.

Weall.—Recently, Mr. George Alexander Weall, chemist and druggist, Ridgeway Avenue, Rhyl. Mr. Weall passed the Minor examination in 1890.

WILLIAMS.—Recently, Mrs. Winifred Spurrell Williams, M.P.S. (née Davies), the wife of Mr. A. G. Williams, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., Shrewsbury. Mrs. Williams passed the Qualifying examination of the Pharmaceutical Society in 1930.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. F. G. Jameson, B.Pharm., Ph.C., has been appointed manager of Matthews & Wilson, Ltd., Cole Street, London, S.E.1, in succession to Mr. G. F. Caley.

Mr. Alexander Robertson, M.P.S. (managing director, James Anderson (Chemist), Ltd., Commercial Street, Dundee, gave a talk on fishing to local Rotary Club on March 7.

Mrs. S. Taylor, wife of Councillor S. Taylor (Thos. Tomlinson & Son, chemists' valuers, Manchester) has been appointed deputy chairman of the Marple and District Food Control Committee.

Captain J. C. Townley, who was in command of the "Queen Elizabeth" on her maiden voyage to New York, is the son of the late Mr. T. W. Townley, Ph.C., and brother of Mr. T. T. Townley, M.P.S., Keswick.

Antoine Chiris, Ltd.—Mr. Frederick E. Shoninger has been appointed managing director of the London company in place of Mr. E. Kershaw, who is on military service. Mr. Shoninger has had experience of the associated company's works in Grasse and is fully conversant with the production and application of essential oils and other raw materials of the perfumery and cosmetics industry. Mr. Kershaw will continue to be a director of the company.

RECENT WILLS

Mr. Samuel Percy Billington, M.P.S., 43 Clough Road, Rotherham, Yorks, who died on November 8, 1939, left £8,641, with net personalty £4,121.

Mr. Walter Gregory, M.P.S., Wellington, Somerset, who died on October 24, 1939, left property of the value of £19,738, with net personalty £19,134.

Mr. Thomas Jones, M.P.S., Gilgwyn, Oakhurst Road, Oswestry, Salop, retired chemist and druggist, who died on October 24, 1939, left £5,842, with net personalty £2,008.

MR. WALTER WHITE, M.P.S., sen., "The Shrubbery," 163 Tennyson Road, Luton, Beds, who died on October 5, 1939, left property of the gross value of £23,616, with net personalty £9,242.

MISS MARGARET ELIZABETH BUCHANAN, M.P.S., I Grange View, Lymostone, Devon, the first woman to become a member of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society, who died on January I, left $\pounds 2,099$, with net personalty $\pounds 1,401$ os. 5d. She left 10 guineas to the Benevolent Fund of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.





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The Boom in Perfumery and Cosmetics

IWENTY years ago perfumery, cosmetics and most toilet preparations were the occasional luxuries of the few. loday, their general use is world wide and they have become veryday necessities. In this country, as in most others, make-up," popular priced perfumes and all the other aids o beauty are now essential to the normal life of the modern voman. Their psychological effect is much the same, at a raction of the cost, as a new dress or the latest model in ats. The products of the art of the perfumer and the nanufacturers of face powders, creams, rouges, lotions, etc., ertainly cannot be classed as war-time luxuries, and to uggest restricting their use on grounds of economy would, ve believe, be a step in the wrong direction. Rather, we uggest, their use should be encouraged for the purpose of heerfulness in these rather drab and trying times. For he period of the war some hundreds of thousands of women vill be engaged on munitions, armaments and other war ork. The retailer should realise that most of these women, s housewives, have in the past been only casual users of osmetics; now that they are out all day in factories and orkshops and will have more money at their disposal, neir purchases will increase substantially. Bright and neerful window displays of these goods, of which there is lack of variety, in attractive packings and at popular rices, would be likely to result in increased business.

British production, both of raw materials and the nished products of the perfumery and cosmetics industry as made great strides in the past few years, and it can irly be claimed that in quality, price, variety and packing, sey are at least up to world standard. While, of course, are still reliant on outside sources for many of the utural essential oils, we are now approaching the point of coming self-supporting in the production of synthetic tomatics and similar materials. The manufacture of

compounds ready for use by the makers of perfumes, cosmetics and toilet preparations is now an important part of the home industry. The quality of these economical and standardised products is distinguished by the true and refreshing odours they impart. Consumers are likely to take an increasing interest in these "made-up" bases, as an alternative to making up their own blends from raw materials, the prices of which have risen of late. At no increase in cost to the consumer and involving no loss of quality, German synthetics and compounds, which formerly flooded this market, have been replaced by products of British manufacture.

From the manufacture of the basic raw materials to the production of the finished articles, the outlook for the perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations industry and trade is bright and it promises a steadily increasing turnover at home and almost unlimited scope in markets overseas.

Council Election Questions

Nominations for the council election of the Pharmaceutical Society must be in the hands of the Secretary by March 18 and until then it will not be known whether we shall have what it is hoped will be the only war-time election contest. (There were three elections during the 1914–1918 war.) The retiring members are Mrs. J. K. Irvine, Messrs. H. Antcliffe, C. Davis, T. Marns, E. S. Peck, H. Skinner and H. W. Wallis (treasurer), and it is interesting to note that the names include those of the Mayors of Leamington and Cambridge.

As the result of the elections during the past few years the constitution of the Council has been greatly changed, and the view has been put forward that there have been more than sufficient new members elected and that too many experienced members have been lost. The rank and file of pharmacists will not, we think, agree entirely with this view, for this is a young man's age, and, if a contested election does take place it is extremely likely that there will be more than one newcomer to the Council table. Nothing is gained by replacing the experienced members unless the novices can put forward ideas which have reasonable possibility of being carried into effect. There would appear to be the beginnings of an insurrectionary movement in recent resolution passed by the Blackpool Branch of the Society to the effect that members were "dissatisfied with the way in which the Pharmaceutical Council is administering its responsibilities and would appreciate greater efficiency in its administration of matters which concern the financial status of members."

The Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933, gave certain powers to the Council, and chemists all over the country would like to see the provisions fully implemented. They have been enforced against the Society's own members and should be against others who do not conform. The Society's case was stated in a memorandum to the Home Office a year ago, but there the matter has apparently been allowed to rest. It is now over six years since the Act came into force, and the decision in the Coombes v. Hygienic Stores case cleared up any ambiguity in Section 8 (requiring a pharmacist to be in charge of every premises where a chemist, or corporate body carrying on a pharmacy, sells drugs). During this same period the Society's income has grown to well over £100,000, due largely to examination, premisesregistration and retention fees. Unfortunately, commitments have also grown, the new premises in Brunswick

Square being the cause of the greatest financial worry. Though attempts at economies have been made it must not be overlooked that the cost of building is increasing and that the loan charges cannot be reduced. There is also a weekly journal, the loss on which amounts to some £12,000 annually. A year ago the then treasurer expressed the opinion that if the Society's finances continued as healthy as they had been, all would be well, but since then donations to the Building Fund have diminished and it will be interesting to learn whether the views of his successor, who is due for re-election, are equally optimistic.

A Welcome Order

We have always contended that manufacturers, merchants and retailers when valuing their stocks for sale purposes were entitled, in some part at least, to take into account the cost of replacement. The Board of Trade, in their Prices of Goods (Permitted Increase) Order, 1940 (C. & D., March 9, p. 177) have, in effect, agreed that, in fixing the value of any article or product held as stock, the owner is not restricted to assessing the sales price on the actual cost but is entitled to take into account the cost of similar goods for future delivery and for which he has given a definite order. Thus, if the stock of a particular product cost, say, 5s. per lb., and fresh supplies on order, but yet to be delivered, were purchased at 7s. 6d. per lb., the owner is entitled to average out the price for the purpose of valuing his stock. This is an equitable decision for, when sales prices decline, the owner of stocks purchased at higher prices has no option but to cut his loss.

Nothing over 10½d.

We learn from a reliable source that the chain store whose slogan has hitherto been "Nothing over sixpence" has decided to increase its maximum sales price and that in the near future it will be "Nothing over 10½d." The change from the original idea on which, to a large extent, the business has been built up has been found necessary owing to the general increase in merchandise values. Actually, we understand, no change in policy is involved and it is not proposed to stock goods of a value up to 5s. or 10s. To have maintained the sixpenny limit, however, would have considerably restricted the variety of goods on their counters. Perhaps we shall now hear less about the penny, threepenny and sixpenny packs.

Income Tax—A Suggestion

Still another case has recently been brought to light where the Inland Revenue was the biggest creditor of a bankrupt, the debt relating to unpaid income tax due over a period of years. For many years past, every now and again some rocketing financier, coloured singer, theatrical adventurer, "big business" man, or gentleman of the Turf, has "let in" the Exchequer for a cool hundred thousand or so, and the excuse given by the authorities, when asked why these defaulters are given so much latitude, is that the accounts were exceedingly complicated and were the subject of investigation and discussion with the bankrupt's accountants. Such discussions can, of course, be unending. In this latest case, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to a question asked by a Member of Parliament, said "the Official Receiver has stated that several hundred thousand pounds were owing in respect of income tax and surtax." When the Member said the disclosure caused great indignation to taxpayers who discharged their dues, Sir John Simon could only reply that "the proper course was to pay taxes promptly.". . . Most of us are left in no doubt on this point and, should we forget it, we are quickly reminded by receipt of the usual peremptory notice, printed in red, threatening prosecution. It is, therefore, all the more incomprehensible how these huge amounts are allowed to remain unpaid year after year. Could not the Inland Revenue adopt the same principle as Customs when dealing with disputes as to the amount of duty payable on imported goods—that is to demand as a deposit the immediate payment of an amount that will adequately cover the liability, any excess amount being remitted when the case is settled.

Anglo-French Industrial Agreement

A conference was held during the past week between representatives of the Federation of British Industries and the Confédération Générale du Patronat Français. representing French industry (see C. & D., March 9, p. 177). Agreement was reached on a large number of matters, among them that the ultimate aim to be attained is for export trade to be so conducted as to ensure a fair return for producers with full regard to consumer interests. The two organisations have undertaken to promote agreements between individual industries of their respective countries, designed to encourage co-operation, eliminate uneconomic competition wherever occurring, and maintain price levels in the respective export markets that will ensure development of consumption. It was also agreed that negotiations should be undertaken as soon as possible between individual industries, not only to promote co-operation during the war, but also to serve as a permanent feature in economic relations between the two countries. They feel that, wherever possible, imports should be obtained from the two allied countries rather than from other sources. The delegations are constituting themselves a permanent Anglo-French Industrial Council, to maintain and develop the relations established by the agreement, and to take action thereon from time to time. The first task of the Council will be to investigate the extent to which individual industries in France and Great Britain can enter into negotiations on matters of common interest, and to arrange for such negotiations to take place.

Sterile Kisses

To many people, kisses connote contagion. Fond parents are enjoined by mothercraft textbooks not to lavish caresses upon their offspring, and fastidious spinsters offer their cheeks instead of their mouths to affectionate relationsall to avoid contamination. But every theory has its day and is challenged. A Californian Professor, Dr. S. L. Katzoff, medical director and psychiatrist at the San Francisco Institute of Human Relations, has put forward a defence of what an "Irish Times" leader-writer calls the "hygiene of osculation." The Professor claims that in any kiss that is worth calling a kiss sufficient heat is generated to render sterile the lurking microbes. This is good news, but we are in some doubt whether what applies to philocinematic Americans and, no doubt, to the passionate Latins, is equally applicable to the undemonstrative citizens of Britain. What is needed in this cold country is a sort of osculatory pasteurisation that works at less than fever heat. Either that or a lip salve with a high Rideal-Walker coefficient.

PERFUMES IN SMALLPOX

HE dedication of Thomas Fuller's "Exanthematologia," a treatise Part II of which is dated 1729, states that the author was suffering from gout and cataract when he dictated it, and that the book should be regarded as "only a rough Draught, and, as 'twere, a posthumous Work." The

discursiveness that the modern reader will find in this account of smallpox is not peculiar to it nor to any one medical book of the period; and it must be recognised that Fuller was open-minded in his discussion of the benefits of inoculation, then an almost new and a much-controverted treatment. His classification of remedies used in the various stages of the disease has several features of interest. A case in point is the remarks on perfumes, which he introduces thus: "Besides these Cordials [mentioned in the previous section that exagitate the Blood, and invigorate the vital Spirits, I wish we could find out also such as may have such Faculties as immeliately affect the Animal Spirits. . . . He continues:-

"For these Purposes, I propose to our Physicians to recal the Odorata into the Shop again, from whence they have of late been banish'd; for tho' Hippocrates would have the Physicians go perfum'd, that they might be the more acceptable to their Patients, the governing Fashion now a-days, is to think that all Sweets hurt the Head, and no body must endure them.

"But I know not how our Nature should come to be so strangely alter'd from those that liv'd three or fourscore Years before us; for tho' they seem'd to be in all Points of the same Nature with us, yet

"They had their sweet Waters Pulvillo's sweet Ba

"They had their sweet Waters, Pulvillo's, sweet Bags, Pomanders; their Cloaths and Gloves were perfum'd; their Canes had Civet Heads; all the Powder for the Hair was sweet-scented; every one cary'd in their Pockets Apoplectic Balsam; many of the fine Cakes, Puddings and Sweet Meats had Ambergrise in them.

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Tryphera major Troch. Gall. Mosch. [Troch.] Bec. alb.

"Nay, they put them even into their Plaisters, as Empl. Stomach. Mag. & Emp. Metroproptoticon.

"And whereas no body in our Days can bear Rose-Water, and

crieth Foh where they meet with it, our Shops were formerly order'd to have upon Occasion Aq. Mariæ Julep. Alexand. Jul. Rosat. Syr. Cardiac. all which were made with Rose Water.



Thomas Fuller, M.D.

"I acknowledge they are offensive to some Hysteric Persons; yet I have known where the Fœtids have disagreed, and Musk Pills have much comforted and strengthen'd Hysteric Women.

"If they did really burthen or hurt the Spirits, those Physicians must be very grossly mistaken that prescribe (as

Dr. Sydenham doth) Ambergrise for the Prevention of an Apoplexy."

Perfumes Stocked

The list of perfumes kept in apothecaries' shops has been slightly abbreviated. Fuller names civet, musk and ambergrise as the three principal odorata—Sir Thomas Browne would have written "odorates." Of these he describes only ambergrise, beginning with the ingenuous statement: "It is not generally known what this is, but a certain Merchant assur'd me, it comes from a particular Whale." He praises it as "a general Restorative, and tho' a high, yet a most innocent Cordial, where-ever Nature needs Succour." He adduces its reputation as an antidote to the bites of venomous fish, and regards it as harmless, even in large doses: "I have seen a man eat 3ij. of it at a time, without any prejudice to himself, or any alteration, saving that he was chearfully dispos'd. It compares favourably, he claims, with "those volatile Chymical Spirits, which, like foreign Pigeons, tho' they may for a while augment the home-bred Stock, yet quickly deceive the Hopes of the Owner, and fly away, carrying with them those that were his own." Writers of modern text-books are lacking in such picturesque comparisons.

Note on Formulas

A brief note on the formulas of some of these preparations may be added. Apoplectic balsam contained the oils of cinnamon, clove, lavender, lemon, marjoram, mint, rue, rosemary, sage, rhodium, wormwood, amber and nutmeg (expressed), and balsam of Peru. It was carried in "little Ivory Boxes and Cane Heads," according to Quincy. Aqua cœlestis was distilled from cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, mace, cardamom, anise, fennel, thyme, mint, pennyroyal, marjoram, rosemary, citron peel, ambergris and other ingredients. The constituents of diasatyrion

included satyrion root, clove, pepper, ambergris, musk, cinnamon, nutmeg, mace and grains of Paradise. Trochisci bechici albi were made from orris and liquorice (with ambergris and musk as optional additions) massed with tragacanth mucilage made with rose water. Emplastrum stomachum magistrale contained, among other things, nutmeg, pepper, mace, clove, oil of mint, and storax. A pulvillo (a name with alternative spellings) was a perfumed powder used for sprinkling on a wig or

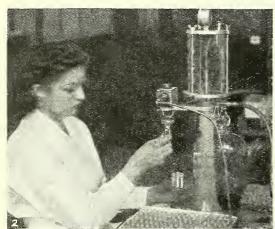


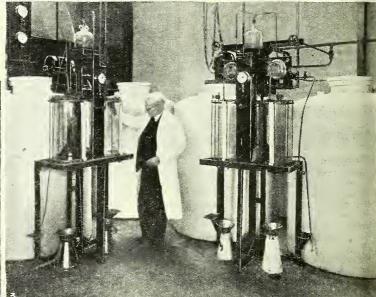
"Their Cloaths and Gloves were perfum'd."—Perfumed gloves were articles of commerce, as is shown by item "2 paire of weems Jasmine gloves" in last full line of invoice reproduced above.

elsewhere about the person. The treatment of smallpox has obviously changed in the course of the past two centuries.



PERFUME PRODUCTION AT WAT FORD









Main entrance to factory, Saville Perfumery, Ltd. 2. Vacuum filling machine. 3. Perfume mixing and maturing tanks. 4. Corner of manufacturing laboratory. 5. Packing department.

VISIT TO SAVILLE'S FACTORY

T was in 1925 that Saville Perfumery, Ltd., came into being and the first product to be introduced on to the market was June perfume, a product now well known in most parts of the world. The business started in a small way in the heart of Watford, in Hertfordshire, long before the town became the industrial centre it is today. From the outset steady progress was made, and it eventually became clear to those in control that the company's future lay in the specialisation of perfume manufacture. Under the direction of Mr. Francis J. Smith, present senior director, and Mr. G. S. Worssam, who retired from the business in 1938, this policy has been strictly followed, and, judging from the present capacity of the company, has proved to have been amply justified. The next step in the development of the business was the introduction in 1936 of Mischief perfume, a product which, we understand, achieved a remarkable amount of success in a comparatively short time. When Mr. Worssam retired, Mr. J. Savill Smith, son of Mr. Francis J. Smith, and who joined the company in 1930, was elected to the board of directors. During the past four or five years efforts have been made to ncrease the export side of the business, with the result that there s now developing overseas the same demand for the company's products as exists at home. With increased production, a move from the original headquarters of the company, which were in two separate buildings—one on each side of St. Albans Road, Watford—became necessary, and it was in 1937 that the company built the factory on the site in Rickmansworth Road which it ccupies today, and which a representative of the C. & D. editorial staff recently visited. In order to correct any impression hat the present-day enforced economy in personal expenditure s reflected to any serious extent in the demand for perfumes, it s worth recording that the bold step taken by the Saville Perumery, Ltd., inintroducing their latest perfume—Seventh Heaven to the public at the very outbreak of war has proved to be ustified by the degree of success the product has already had.

Tour of Works

Our tour of the factory took us through a small analytical aboratory where raw materials are examined and where undreds of alcoholic dilutions of floral and synthetic conentrates are kept for use in the evolution of new perfumes. from here, we went through the manufacturing section of the building, a portion of which is shown in fig. 4, p. 214, where housands of pounds worth of raw materials, such as civet, musk, oral absolutes and ottos, are stored and from which the comany mixes its own tinctures. After preparation, the tinctures re allowed to mature for a minimum of two years. The alcohol sed in the manufacturing process of the company's perfumes is tored until required in 500-gallon earthenware jars which are ept in a room built specially for the purpose and standing some freen feet above the ground-floor level. As the alcohol is required, t is fed by gravity through a system of pipes to the tanks in he perfume mixing and storing room, a corner of which is lustrated in fig. 3, p. 214. These tanks, of which there are ix, hold about 300 gallons, and two are used for each of the ompany's perfumes, one for mixing and the other for part of he maturing process. After the many tinctures used in the idividual perfumes have been mixed, they are passed through n electrically-operated portable homogeniser for some time to nsure thorough admixture, and from this machine they are umped into the storage tanks referred to above. The requisite mount of alcohol is then run into the latter-the quantity eing accurately recorded on a Wayne meter on the main supply ipe, and the whole of the contents of the tank are then subected to a further process of mixing. This is carried out by neans of a high-speed mixer which is lowered into the tank from n overhead travelling crane.

When this final stage of mixing is complete, the perfume is llowed to remain a considerable length of time in the tank to lature. From the maturing tanks the perfume is pumped mough a filtering system and then transferred to the packing som and filled into the Gravfil vacuum machines by which arrow-necked bottles can readily be filled and which are fixed to the end of each packing bench, fig. 5, p. 214. The rest of the packing process—labelling, capping, polishing and cartoning for the bottles—is carried out in this department. Situated around the packing department are the "goods-in" section, the stock som for bottles, cartons, caps, etc., and finished-stock room, hich is more or less a building within a building, being fire-

proof and burglar-proof. This system has been designed so that goods entering the factory can be moved round in one direction with the minimum amount of labour and expenditure. Leading directly from the finished stock room is the "goods-out" department. The company's general and managerial offices and board room are situated at the front of the building and are reached from the corridors leading respectively directly left and right of the front entrance. Much care has been devoted to the design of the factory grounds—a rose bed and shrubbery having been arranged at the front of the building, garage and sports field at the side, and canteen, social hall and A.R.P. shelters to accommodate the company's one hundred employees, at the rear. The dugouts, of which there are ten, for use in air-raids, are constructed of reinforced concrete and are provided with gasproof trap doors, have a filtered-air supply plant which can easily be operated by hand, and from each shelter runs a tunnel communicating with an emergency exit.

RECENT RESEARCH

Artificial-Hormone Experiments.—Using injections of desoxycorticosterone, which he had prepared from cholesterol, J. Varangot ("La Presse Medicale," Feb. 3, p. 106) noted that it was possible to maintain in normal healthy life dogs whose suprarenal glands had been removed. Up to the present, he points out, the hormone extracted from the suprarenal glands of oxen has been, on account of its cost, used exclusively in rare cases of Addison's disease. Substituting a cheaper artificial substance for the natural extract will permit experiments to determine its utility in the treatment of shock.

Essential Oil of Evodia Littoralis.—According to Lahey and Jones (University of Queensland Papers, No. 13) steam distillation of the leaves of young trees of Evodia littoralis, growing in quantity near the New South Wales border, yields an oil with the following constants:—

 Specific gravity at 15·5°
 0·8487

 Specific rotation
 16·5°

 Refractive index
 1·4860

 Ester value
 0

 Acetyl value
 36

The oil was shown to contain ocimene, d- α -pinene, a mixture of sesquiterpenes and a new phenolic ketone, melting at 84° , which the authors have called evodionol.

Efficiency of Bactericidal Agents.—Gerschenfeld and Brillhart ("American Journal of Pharmacy," 1939, 3, 430) report a series of bacteriological tests on ointment bases containing ammoniated mercury, phenol or mercuric chloride by the agar plate and agar cup plate methods using <code>Staphylococcus aureus</code> as test organism. Measurement of the inhibition zones indicated that the bactericidal agents were more effective when water-miscible bases were utilised than with the older type of fatty base.

Optically Pure l- α -Phellandrene.—By fractional distillation at 1 to 2 mm. pressure in the presence of a small amount of hydroquinone, Hancox and Jones (University of Queensland Papers, 1939, No. 14) have prepared a sample regarded as optically pure l- α -phellandrene having as constants:—

The diene value of $186 \cdot 5$ (theoretical $186 \cdot 6$) confirmed the purity of the sample. The authors then showed that for a large number of samples the diene value bore an approximately linear relationship to the optical rotation when optically inactive constituents were present.

Oil of Eucalyptus Conglomerata.—Lahey and Jones (University of Queensland Papers, 1939, No. 12) describe the isolation

from the oil of *E. conglomerata* of a new ketone, for which they propose the name conglomerone. This compound is a white crystalline solid of melting-point 62-62.5°, and the structure given herewith, which was indicated by a series of

degradative experiments, was confirmed by its synthesis after heating isobutyryl chloride with trimethyl phloroglucinol in carbon disulphide solution, in the presence of ferric chloride.

PERFUMERY AND COSMETICS RAW MATERIALS

Views on the Position of Supplies

In response to an invitation to importers and British manufacturers of essential oils, synthetic aromatics and similar products, the following firms have given us their views on the position of supplies of the raw materials of the perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations industry. It is of interest to note that in all directions the volume of trade is reported to have increased during the past six months and that the demand continues good.

Stafford Allen & Sons, Ltd .- Starting with the fat oils, our two main specialities are true almond oil and true apricot kernel oil. So far there has been no difficulty in getting adequate supplies of almonds for the manufacture of the oil and we do not anticipate difficulties. In the case of apricot kernels, the importation of these has been completely prohibited, except from the Colonies, and the Colonial kernels are rather too expensive to enable the fat oil to be manufactured at a reasonable figure. Therefore the prospects of apricot kernel oil are not at all hopeful. Turning to essential oils, we have been able to carry on fairly successfully here. There have been big advances in values, one of the chief being nutmegs. These have more than doubled their pre-war price and the oil has gone up proportionately. Supplies can still be obtained but at a very high figure. Clove oil has been in fairly plentiful supply and the price has risen comparatively slightly. Sandalwood oil, East Indian.—The same remarks apply here. Caraway oil has been restricted and very high prices are being asked. Eucalyptus oil is another article that has advanced sharply and it seems impossible to get prompt shipments from Australia, but the stocks here have been sufficient to cover reasonable requirements. West Indian sandalwood oil.-There has been a brisk demand for this, owing to the German distillers being out of the market. We have increased the output of our oil. Patchouli oil has been one of the outstanding features as one would think a luxury oil like this would have a very small demand in war-time. The demand seems to have kept up and owing to a great shortage of leaves the price has fully trebled itself, and even at present high figures, very little is offering. Juniper oil is another very difficult oil, the genuine product being practically unobtainable. We are finding a good demand for isolates such as eugenol, iso-eugenol, geraniols, rhodinols, citral, and eucalyptol. Palmarosa and geranium oils, from which the isolates are made, have shown a slight advance but have not had any

W. J. Bush & Co., Ltd.—We submit the following as our outlook on supplies of perfumery raw materials, and would add we are diffident about expressing our opinion on this matter. In these days, however, this diffidence is more pronounced than usual, for over and above the usual factors which govern prices of oils on this market, such as harvest, surplus stocks from previous years, etc., unusual climatic disturbances, etc., there must now be included the difficulties and increased cost of transport, currency restrictions, government permits, etc., with which must be included the actual interference due to the war itself. When all these factors are taken into consideration, it is obvious that the result will be irregular deliveries and increased prices. As regards synthetics, the unusual demand on British manufacturers has, in a very great measure, been successfully met, but owing to the restricted supplies of raw materials used in their manufacture, difficulties may be experienced which may hamper production and lead to periodic shortages. For those producing toilet and perfumery articles, one might sum up the position as follows: They can expect to get supplies of all raw materials which they have been in the habit of purchasing in the past, but the quantities may be restricted. Deliveries will be a most uncertain factor, so that to avoid hold-ups in production, orders should be placed well ahead of actual requirements. Today's prices cannot be expected to recede, and in some directions considerable increase can be anticipated.

C. A. Charpentier.—We have pleasure in giving you a brief report on market conditions for perfumery raw materials. Essential oils.—Markets reacted very strongly to events of the past few months. Almost immediately a general advance in prices set in and many stocks were quickly absorbed, so that in some instances it was impossible to satisfy all needs. Prices

are now settling down a little, but many products continue to suffer from the consequences of the war. French flower oils.—Rose.—Sales have been active and stocks are small. Next crop is expected to be dearer. Jasmin.—All available stocks at the end of September were taken up in a very short time and some orders could not be fulfilled. At present this product is completely lacking but the demand continues. This means that the next crop, even if it is abundant, will be quickly absorbed. Orange flower.—The orange flowers are likely to be affected by the intense cold of the winter and prices will be higher. Oak moss, orris.—Prices have advanced. Aromatic chemicals.—Owing to the position of raw materials our suppliers are able to offer only strictly moderate quantities of the usual synthetics; the tendency is firmer in most cases. Certain products like aubepine (ex paracresol), heliotropin, phenyl ethyl alcohol, coumarin, etc., are in short supply with prices tending to higher levels.

Dubuis & Rowsell, Ltd.—As British manufacturers of perfumery raw materials we naturally made provision for the change over from peace to war-time conditions, because we knew that some of the products of vital importance to us might disappear from the market and others become scarce owing to labour and transport difficulties. We have, therefore, been able to give our customers the same quality products as hitherto, and we consider that we shall be able to continue to do so. It is obvious that, in spite of the comprehensiveness of our arrangements, we cannot override all the difficulties of replenishing our stocks of the primary raw materials, which this trade gathers from all corners of the world. We feel that there will be a scarcity of certain products and a general rise in prices, resulting in a commensurate increase in the cost of the finished perfumery raw materials. Here and there it may be necessary for the art of the perfume chemist to produce substitutes. Our laboratories and research staff are continually engaged on investigations of this character.

Government of Mysore.—There are ample stocks of Mysore Government sandalwood oil in Europe which should be quite sufficient for normal requirements for some time to come. The authorities in Mysore are taking precautions to safeguard future supplies and to continue to be able to guarantee the high quality of this product. Any rise in the price of Mysore sandalwood oil since the beginning of the war has only been levied to recoup the additional expenditure on higher freights, war risk insurance, etc. As was anticipated, demands for Mysore sandalwood oil have increased since the outbreak of hostilities. The Trade Commissioner for Mysore in London—Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, W.C.2—will be pleased to answer any inquiries regarding this oil.

E. Guillevic & Co., Ltd.—Since the commencement of the war we have experienced a steadily increasing demand for a wide range of raw materials of the perfumery and cosmetics industry. At the moment stocks of some essential oils are reasonably good while supplies of a few others are negligible, and the outlook for fresh arrivals uncertain. While we find a steady trade in most citrus oils, an outstanding feature has beer terpeneless lemon. Substantial business can also be recorded ir carmine. The range of synthetic aromatics has shown increasing sales with consumers taking more interest in these manufacture products. While we think the current level of sales values wil at least be maintained we would not be surprised if in a few instances, where prices soared early in the war, there was not some slight reaction. There is, of course, a limit to the value o a natural product, particularly where there are satisfactory synthetic substitutes. The question of supplies of imported products in the future depends on many circumstances, such as freights, the purchase of foreign currency, and so on, and fo these reasons we would not like to forecast the outlook.

Mallagh & Co.—This country, of course, is not by any means self-supporting in regard to supplies of essential oils and natural flower oils, and to some extent, although there has been substantial improvement, the same observation applies to synthetic chemicals and perfumery concentrates. In the short periods of ar of the war, we have all seen the usual results in regard to restricted supplies and abnormal demands. Transport has been

difficult, and supplies have been curtailed in consequence. The demand, of course, has been very much more than normal and so prices have risen. But this does not of necessity mean that production has decreased, and we can see no reason why it should, providing of course always that transport is available for the delivery of raw materials to the manufacturers. Buyers everywhere can help considerably to conserve supplies and incidentally assist in keeping down prices. From our own calculations, we can state quite definitely that the increase in prices of raw materials is out of all proportion to that of complete compounds, so that buyers of the latter products are today in a better position in so far as their costs have not risen so much. Apart from this, the stocks of raw materials held by perfumery and cosmetic manufacturers are probably very much more than normal, and vet our experience is that the demand is still as great as ever. If users purchased the ready-made blended compounds and allowed the manufacturers of these products to retain the stocks of raw materials, the result would, we believe, be mutually beneficial. We all need assurances for our future supplies, and economies in the way suggested might be very helpful.

Polak & Schwarz (England), Ltd.—We welcome the opportunity of contributing a statement on the future outlook for supplies of perfumery raw materials for the cosmetic and allied industries, which you propose to publish in your special perfumery number. As you are aware, we moved to our new factory some six months prior to the outbreak of war, and the fact that we also had associated factories established in Holland, France and the U.S.A., prudently planned and organised to meet the situation that exists today, has enabled us to maintain supplies of our specialities practically without interruption since the war. It is true that replacements of raw materials take considerably longer to arrive from overseas but by careful planning we shall endeavour to maintain the service and continuity of supplies that has always been the keynote of P. & S. policy; our ability to continue to do this will naturally depend to a large extent on whether or not additional restrictions are imposed on the purchase and importation of the raw materials essential to our industry. Meanwhile, we can report a steady expansion in sales, particularly in export, which we are developing especially to the British Empire. Many firms found their normal source of supply for specialities completely cut off last September. We are glad to have been able, in many instances, to successfully match key compounds and other essential perfumery materials, and our research department is entirely at the disposal of the trade.

With regard to the future trend of prices of essential oils and aromatic chemicals, all of these have, of course, advanced considerably since the outbreak of war when stocks in dealers' and importers' hands were none too plentiful and indeed, in many cases, were being sold at prices which showed very little profit either to the importers or producers. The prices of some materials have receded from the high values which ruled in the early months of the war. Nevertheless, all perfumery raw materials are very much above pre-war levels. We are inclined to think that present values will be more than maintained and will, in fact, reach higher levels, should the war be protracted. The costs of freights, insurances, packing and all other incidental charges are, of course, important factors in arriving at the price levels of these commodities.

H. Rubeck.—In reply to your invitation that I should express my views as to the supplies of some of the raw materials in which I specialise, I will mainly confine myself to the position as it exists at present. Of Spanish oils of spike lavender, rosemary and thyme fair supplies are on hand. In the case of shipments from Spain, goods must be paid for before shipment is allowed, prices being controlled by the Spanish Government. Parcels, however, occasionally reach England through unusual channels owing to barter trade. Crops were but moderate, and good stocks should be held by all. French oil of lavender and lavandin.—The position regarding lavender oil does not appear to be anything like as acute as was pictured, but, on the other hand, the bulk of the lavandin was bought up by America soon after the crop whilst its price remained below that of spike lavender oil. Rhodesian oil of sweet orange.—Good stocks are available here, and our factory in Rhodesia has decided upon production in 1940, which will begin in May. Oil of lemon, Sicilian.—The crop is estimated at about 10 per cent. below that of a year ago. Prices remain high, the reason for this being given as mainly owing to heavy overhead expenses (probably taxation), and scarcity and expense of packing materials.

R. C. Treatt & Co., Ltd.—The problems which producers, exporters and importers of essential oils have to face are all very similar. We propose to confine ourselves to those of East Africa, about which we have first-hand knowledge. Neither Zanzibar nor Seychelles have any difficulty over raw material for the production of eugenol oils of which they normally provide some 250 tons a year, but they are badly hampered by difficulties over packages, fuel, increased and uncertain freights and insurance rates and, above all, by the uncertainty of securing shipping space. These same difficulties apply, although perhaps to a lesser degree, to the smaller East African producers of such essential oils as geranium, bitter orange and lavender. We think that all these complications are likely to increase everywhere and make for higher prices. Nobody can tell what may happen but, in any case, while the war lasts, our opinion is that the premium for all oils actually available as against shipment quotations will rightly and properly increase.

Wilson & Mansfield, Ltd.—Since essential oils and raw materials for perfumery are mostly imported from all parts of the world, where conditions vary considerably, it is not possible to express a general opinion on the outlook for supplies. In some cases genuine shortages were, for a number of reasons, evident before hostilities commenced, and in others, scarcity has recently occurred owing to the exceptional demand which has been experienced during the last six months. In the case of those materials produced in countries little affected by the war it is possible that the higher prices now ruling may result in increased production, although, of course, some time must elapse before the improvement in supplies is felt here. In this category may be included anise (star) and cassia oils from China, and some of the American oils. On the other hand, shortage of labour caused by mobilisation in some countries, especially in France and the French colonial empire, may cause a reduction of production. Indeed, the shortage of man-power in the South of France is already becoming acute, and even if the collection of the flowers can be, and in fact is, carried out by women, it may well be impossible to produce the normal quantities of such important materials as lavender, neroli, jasmin, etc. Shortages of labour are also reported from the French colonial empire, and we are advised that in Madagascar the distillation of ylang ylang has been seriously affected.

Apart from these considerations, the question of the supply of foreign exchange as well as shipping facilities are important factors in the supply of many imported perfumery raw materials. If, in neither case, these two factors have yet become of serious importance, it would seem unwise to ignore the possibilities of some restrictions as time goes on. As far as foreign exchange is concerned, however, the danger of restriction in supply would seem to have been removed in the case of France and her colonial empire by the Anglo-French Economic Agreement. Fortunately, these territories produce large quantities of many of the most important raw materials, upon which it may well happen that we shall have to rely to a greater extent than in the past.

Chas. Zimmermann & Co., Ltd.—After six months of war there is little to be said as regards essential oils. The first few months witnessed sharp increases in prices, but during the last month or two, a lull has enabled values to become more steady, and in some cases there have been slight reactions. As regards essential oils, there are a few which are rather short at the moment, notably bergamot, Australian eucalyptus and all descriptions of patchouli, but the difficulties in connexion with these go back to pre-war. As regards synthetic and aromatic chemicals, prices have increased on a line with essential oils, on account of the shutting off of the German market, which has been largely responsible for the low prices experienced in recent years, and it is feasible to expect further increases in these materials in the future. There is one pleasing feature which we are able to record, and that is that many countries, especially the Empire markets, are now turning to this country for their perfumery bases and floral ottos, on account of the European market having been cut off. British perfumery has made considerable progress in the last ten years, but it has been found difficult to oust the old-established Continental products. present time has given an opportunity in this respect, and we personally are able to report a good business abroad in our perfumery floral ottos and bases. British consumers have little to fear in changing over to British-made compounds, both as regards quality and price.

AN EIRE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

F the several pharmaceutical industries established in Eire within the past six years few have proved so successful as that for the making of pastilles, glucose products, lozenges and tablets opened up by Rice, Steele & Co., Ltd., Dublin, just four years ago. For Ireland, this was an entirely new venture. The factory was located in North Lotts, in the heart of Dublin. Many Irish chemists who heard of the experiment were dubious of its success until the first batches of the firm's products appeared on the market, but in quality, flavour and appearance the pastilles won widespread praise. Not only was

Pastille gum in process of boiling

the quality excellent, but chemists were glad to note that particular attention was being paid to attractive packing and well-designed show material. It was not surprising that the new pharmaceutical enterprise advanced rapidly until today it has been found necessary to move into larger and more commodious premises at Brabazon Street, Dublin, where a modern factory with over 13,000 sq. ft. of floor space has been established.

Policy and Organisation

Since it was launched in 1936 the organisation has followed a policy of continually adding new products to the range of manufactures. One of the new lines is Cheks, a cough sweet with distribution from end to end of Eire. Paraseptic cough pastilles, another product recently marketed, have also secured a wide demand, and the glucose confectionery in varying flavours and forms has established itself in popularity. Two years ago the firm broke new ground by successfully introducing a range of toilet preparations under the name Resco, to sell at popular prices, including brilliantines and other hair preparations. Added to this wide variety of products the firm are manufacturers of such well-known proprietaries as Carragol, Mutesco, and Denton, all of which have become established in the retail trade in Eire. All products manufactured are on the approved list of the Irish Drug Association and their sale is confined to pharmacists and druggists. The manufacturing, marketing, and distribution side of this Eire industry is under the sole direction of Mr. George Rice, who has been associated with both the retail and wholesale trade in Ireland for several years. The sales side is in the hands of Mr. F. H. Steele, who was for many years attached to the staff of Smith & Co., London. To turn out the finest pastilles, lozenges, and glucose lines would in itself be of little use if the distribution and organisation behind them was not equally good. Mr. Rice has seen to this aspect of the firm's activities, and has placed on the road a service of motor vans that make deliveries from Dublin to every part of Eire. Rice, Steele products thus reach the chemist direct from the factory.

Pastille and Lozenge Making

For the retail chemist who is selling Rice, Steele pastilles across the counter a tour of the new factory would prove of great interest. In the pastille department the first process is the boiling of the gum, which is the basis of all pastilles and is heated in 200-gallon steam-heated copper pans. After it has reache the required consistency, medicaments and flavours are adde to the gum, and the mixture is poured by girl workers int starch moulds. Each pastille is formed separately in its ow mould (no mass-production method is in use). Pastille manufature is a highly skilled operation, in which time and temperatur play an important part. When the trays of starch moulds ar filled with gum they are taken to special cork-insulated chamber, and here for a period of about four weeks the pastilles in embry are baked at an even temperature of 110° Fahrenheit. By the

time they have assumed a consistency that enable the next process to be carried out. Each pastille is separately cleaned off and either dipped or crystallised. Then back they all go to the hot chamber for another week's baking before they are ready for packing. In all, it takes five to six weeks to make a good pastille. Lozenge making is another extremely interesting side of the firm's activities. Here the basic ray material is pulverised sugar. The mixing is carried out in a special power mixer, to which the medicament and binding agents are added. Mixing finished, the malleable mass is rolled out to the required thickness on slabs, and then passed on to cutting machines a which the stamping takes place. The final process it to bake the newly-stamped products at a temperatur of 50° Fahrenheit for varying periods, according to the type of lozenge.

Glucose Products

Glucose products are one of the most importan products made at the factory. On the day the write visited the works the glucose department was bus making glucose barley-sugar sticks. Fifty per cent sucrose and 50 per cent. glucose go to the making o the sticks. The mixture is boiled, then poured on twater-cooled plates and the colouring and flavouring

worked in. The soft, amber-coloured mass passes next through a power-driven machine with toothed rollers, and emerges a the other end in strips with the familiar plaited appearance. Then a boy cuts the strips with a set of cutting rolls into the required lengths. After being left to harden, the strips are read for filling into the large glass jars illustrated in the fifth pictur on opposite page. Barley-sugar sticks, one of the oldest boiled sweets, a great favourite with children in the Victoria era, continue to hold their own against more modern confetions; they are particularly suitable for sale by chemists.

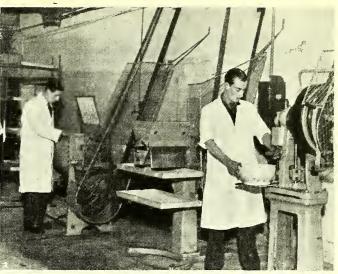


Shaping and cutting barley-sugar sticks

Having established itself in Eire the company is now extending its sales organisation to Northern Ireland, and already these Dublin-made products are to be seen in Belfast pharmacies From Belfast the trade will be extended during the coming months until the whole of Northern Ireland is taken in.



DUBLIN-MADE MEDICATED CONFECTIONERY







1. Pouring medicated pastille gum into starch moulds. 2. Section of the tablet-making department. 3. Packing finished products for dispatch. 4. One of the pastille drying rooms. 5. Making up orders for medicated confectionery in the stock room and order-assembly department.



TRAVANCORE LEMONGRASS INDUSTRY

HE following information is taken from a report published in the "Bulletin of the Imperial Institute," South Kensington, London, S.W.7 (Vol. xxxvii, No. 3), and previously submitted to Peirce, Leslie & Co., Ltd., by Mr. I. W. Campbell (a member of their staff at Cochin).

Conditions of Growth

The cultivation of lemongrass in India is now restricted to remote country districts in the northern portion of the Travancore State, where the elevation ranges from sea level to about 500 ft. There used to be a little cultivation in Central and South Travancore, but this has now ceased entirely, and no supplies of oil have been received from these districts for some years. Cochin is the port of shipment, and in respect both of total exports and market importance, what is known as Cochin lemongrass oil easily heads the list as compared with the produce of other countries. The chief marketing towns, which form more or less the hub of their respective districts, are Kothamangalam, Always, Muvattupuzha, Thodupuzha and Ferumbavoor.

Lemongrass is a hardy plant and will grow in almost any kind of soil from rich loam to laterite. The type of soil does, however, affect the oil content of the grass. The more fertile the soil the lower the citral content, although the yield is high. In laterite soil the citral content is high, but the yield is naturally less. Even in areas where the grass receives some attention, growth is scattered. Patches of land here and there may be quite bare and elsewhere there may be prolific growth. The root is perennial, and an area once planted will continue bearing for some years with little or no attention. The life varies from six years in some districts to fifteen in others, but the majority of reports indicate that eight to ten years is the normal life of the grass, the most productive period being from the second to the sixth year of growth. When ready for cutting, the grass is about 4 ft. high. The part which contains the oil is the round stalk at the foot of each blade in the heart of the clump. This portion varies in length from 6 in. to 1 ft. It is found that it is bad to cut during or soon after rain. The oil mounts highest during dry weather and it is then, therefore, that the best results are obtained. A continuously wet season considerably affects the yield of oil. Sowing commences as soon as there has been sufficient rain to moisten the soil well. The ground, which only requires to be cleared of scrub and roughly ploughed, is usually prepared in advance during the dry weather. Normally, the first showers occur about the second half of March, and this can be taken as the sowing period. If weather conditions continue normal (not too much or too little rain; plenty of sunshine), the young grass will be ready for cutting after about six or seven weeks. Areas that are already in grass will be ready for cutting much sooner. The harvesting season may be taken therefore as May-December. There are normally only four cuttings during this period, about six or seven weeks apart. First cutting, May-June; second cutting, July-August; third cutting, September-October; and fourth cutting, November-December.

Yield

The second and third cuttings usually yield the most oil. In a fertile district such as Kothamangalam, it is possible, given favourable weather conditions, to get five cuttings, provided also that the price is sufficiently attractive to induce cultivators to take another cutting. Cultivation is unorganised and haphazard, and as the producing areas are so scattered and in such wild country, it is difficult to estimate the acreage under cultivation and practically impossible to gauge the potential crop growing thereon. The places where lemongrass is found growing are some distance farther inland from the marketing centres already mentioned. In the rural districts, which are the main producing areas at the present time, firewood is abundant, cheap and often free in the neighbouring forests, whilst the ground also conserves the moisture better. Therefore the grass comes on more quickly at the beginning of the season. In the urban areas around the towns the cost of production is, just now, prohibitive, on account of the scarcity and therefore high cost of firewood. Water, also, is less readily available. Consequently cultivation in the urban areas has been given up in favour of ginger, pepper and turmeric, which have been much more remunerative crops till now.

After cutting, the grass is taken for distilling. This operation is simple and the methods used are primitive. Mr. Campbell quotes a description of the process taken from a report by Mr.

Ramaswamy Iyer, of which the following is the substance. A large factory with up-to-date, modern equipment and elaborate machinery is not necessary for the extraction of lemongrass oil. The scene of operations is a small thatched shed. At one end of the shed a large cylindrical vessel, about 5 ft. high and about 12 ft. in circumference, rests on a rude hearth. Thence a pipe projects horizontally, discharging into a coiled pipe fitted into a tub containing cold water. At the outlet of the coiled pipe, another small vessel is placed to receive the contents discharged At one side of the big vessel there is a manhole, into which small bundles of grass are deposited. For each distillation about 250 to 300 bundles are put into the vessel, together with sufficient water, and the opening is then firmly closed. The hearth is then set ablaze, and gradually the process of distillation commences The oil passes off as vapour, condenses in its passage through the pipe, and discharges into the small vessel. It is necessary that the tub should be frequently filled with cold water in order to effect condensation. The discharged matter in the small vessel is a mixture of lemongrass oil at the top and water at the bottom A syphon tube arrangement fixed to the collecting vessel facilitates the discharge of the watery matter, leaving the oil behind.

Commerce

The following particulars of shipments of lemongrass oil from Cochin during the period 1925-38 were supplied by Messrs Peirce, Leslie & Co.:—

1925	 216 tons	1932	 170 tons
1926	 267 tons	1933	 177 tons
1927	 258 tons	1934	 302 tons
1928	 351 tons	1935	 353 tons
1929	 315 tons	1936	 331 tons
1930	 175 tons	1937	 356 tons
1931	 198 tons	1938	 379 tons

The heavy falling off in shipments during the period 1930-33 was due to the slump and low prices then prevailing, which was followed by the inevitable reaction—a steep rise in price during 1934, resulting in an energetic programme of new planting during 1934 and 1935. This in turn brought about a collapse of the market in 1936, since when the market has been on an abnor mally low level. Thus, the price in 1934 rose as high as 4s. 6d per lb., c.i.f. London, but since 1936 the highest and lowest prices touched have been 2s. 3d. and 1s. 3½d. respectively; during the greater part of the period since 1936 the ruling price has been below 1s. 6d., and at the end of August 1939 business was done at 1s. 4½d., c.i.f.

INDIAN CHEMICAL IMPORTS

The following particulars of imports of drugs, medicines and soaps, during the six months April 1 to September 30, 1939 with comparative figures for the corresponding period of 1938 are given in a survey of the import trade of India compiled by H.M. Trade Commissioner in India.

Drugs and Medicines.—After suffering a setback in 1938 to Rs. 99.8 lakhs, the value of imports under this heading rose to Rs. 119.9 lakhs. Imports of camphor rose from Rs. 6.7 lakhs to Rs. 8 lakhs; of these imports, Japanese supplies fell slightly from Rs. 4.2 lakhs to Rs. 3.9 lakhs, but imports from Germany increased from Rs. 1.7 lakhs to Rs. 2 lakhs and from other countries generally from Rs. 0.8 lakhs to Rs. 2 lakhs. Imports of quinine salts, which were valued at Rs. 12.7 lakhs in 1938 amounted to Rs. 12.3 lakhs in 1939. Of this, the United Kingdon supplied Rs. 3.6 lakhs (Rs. 3.4 lakhs in 1938), while imports from Germany fell from Rs. 7 lakhs to Rs. 4 lakhs. Java sent Rs. 0.4 lakhs, compared with Rs. 0.4 lakhs the previous year, and other countries Rs. 4 lakhs, against Rs. 1.9 lakhs the previous year Proprietary medicines rose sharply from Rs. 27.5 lakhs to Rs. 40.6 lakhs. The United Kingdom share rose from Rs. 11.9 lakhs to Rs. 18.6 lakhs; Germany increased the value of her shipment from Rs. 6 lakhs to Rs. 8 lakhs, and the United States of America increased hers from Rs. 6 lakhs to Rs. 7.25 lakhs.

Soap.—Total imports of soap in 1939 were 16,537 cwt. valued at Rs. 11·9 lakhs, as against 17,033 cwt. valued at Rs. 11·2 lakh in 1938. Imports from the United Kingdom rose from 10,575 cwt. valued at Rs. 7·8 lakhs to 11,970 cwt. valued at Rs. 8·6 lakhs. Of the 1939 aggregate total, 12,654 cwt. valued at Rs. 10·1 lakhs were toilet soaps. Imports of household and other soap continued to decline, with the development of local manufacture

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Quotations recorded for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs, essential oils, etc., represent the spot prices for wholesale quantities of standard quality. C.i.f. shipment quotations do not include marine war risk insurance and other abnormal charges which arise under the present state of emergency

28 Essex Street, W.C.2, March 13

BUSINESS in most markets during the past week has continued on antisfactory lines, the general tone and values remaining fully steady. Conditions in the Pharmaceutical Chemicals market continue on the quiet side, but there appears to be no weakening of prices on this recount. A fair trade in small lots of Acetanilide is reported, and the market is fully steady. Some scarcity of Amidopyrine is apparent, but the shortage has had no effect on the price, which is steady to firm. blakers' prices for Aspirin and Bismuth salts remain steady at the cales recorded in last week's issue. The continued firmness of Emetine tydrochloride is a noteworthy feature of the market. It will be noted that in the Exchange Rates table at foot of this column the furnercy values in Buenos Aires, Shanghai and Yokohama are now included—an addition that should prove of value on account of the number of drug-trade commodities passing through these centres.

rude Drugs

Many commodities in this market show a firmer tendency, and a good volume of routine business is reported during the week. It is for interest that the very fair Continental export business reported ast week is being maintained. Stocks of a number of important commodities continue limited. In Agar a fair demand is reported, with spot supplies at a low level. Aloes remain firm, with steady usiness in Curação passing. Balsams are fully steady as quoted, nd supplies of all descriptions are short. Buchu is quoted rather heaper for shipment. Supplies of Cardamoms continue short, with ttle business passing. The steady routine trade previously reported a Cascara sagrada is being maintained. Cascarilla is reported carce on spot. A fair amount of inquiry continues to be received for derived the service of the supply. Ergor remains rm, with spot supplies severely limited. Some shipment business in cortiquese is reported. Gamboge is short on spot, with only some dd cases available. Honey is still in restricted supply and firm as uoted. Little business is passing in Japanese Menthol, but a good ale continues for Chinese. Shipment quotations for Spanish-Italian lercury show no further advance on last week's prices. Rhubarb nutinues firm, with spot supplies short. Traggacanth is unchanged a price and the demand is about steady.

ssential Oils

Only a moderate trade in these products can be reported, with few rice changes to record. Business in Almond is still on the quiet side, tith spot slightly dearer. A little more interest is being shown in NISE (STAR), and shipment prices are reported slightly firmer. Busiess in Brazilian Bots de Rose is still of small account, with dealers' rices steady. Caraman for the quiet side, but values are nchanged. The market for Cassia is firm and spot is quoted slightly earer; no shipment offers available. Java and Ceylon Citronella main quiet. Madagascar Clove continues in short supply. Shipment fiers of Australian Eucalyptus are still restricted. Geranium connues steady, with only a small business passing. Some rise in price f new-crop Sicilian Lemon is reported, stated to be due to possible olitical developments. Lemongrass remains dull at previously uoted prices. Spot supplies of Palmarosa are still limited, but rices are unchanged. A fairly good trade is reported in Japanese Eppermint, and the market is steady. Chinese oil is selling well. Fourbon Vetivert prices are unchanged, supplies limited.

Exchange Rates on London

The following is a list of the chief Continental and other exchange ites at the opening on Wednesday morning:—

the opening of Wednesday Morining.									
Centre		Quoted	Par	March 6	March 13				
msterdam		Fls. to f	12.107	7.55*	7:55*				
russels		Belgas to £	nominal	23.77*	23.67*				
uenos Aires		Paper pesos to £	_	-577	17.07*				
penhagen		Kr. to f	18-150	20}	2016				
sbon		Esc. to f.	110	108	108				
adrid		Ptas. to £	25.241	38.75	38.25				
ilan		Lire to £	92:46	77	76				
ontreal		Dols. to £	4.863	4.45*	4:45*				
ew York		Dols. to f	nominal	4.03*	4.03*				
šlo		Kr. to £	18-159	17.70*	17.70*				
ıris		Fr. to \tilde{f}	124.31	1765*	1768*				
ıanghai		Per dollar		-/	416				
ockholm		Kr. to £	18.150	16.00*	16.90*				
okohama		Per yen	25.	10 90	1s. 2½d.				
irich		Frs. to £	22.2112	17.90*	17.90*				
_		22 %		-7 90	-790				

^{*} Rate fixed by Bank of England.

Bank rate, 2 per cent.

Pharmaceutical Chemicals, etc.

The markets continue to be rather on the quiet side but there appears to be no weakening of prices on this account. Amidopyrine is reported to be scarce. Quinine remains firm at unchanged prices.

ACETANILIDE.—Market steady, with a fair trade in small lots reported. B.P., leviss., quoted at from 2s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. per lb., as to quantity.

AMIDOPYRINE.—Reported scarcer. Dealers' prices steady at the recent advance: One cwt., 18s.: smaller quantities, up to 20s. per lb. for crystals, with powder 3d. per lb. extra. Replacements will cost over 20s. per lb.

Ammonium ichthiosulphonate.—No change in dealers' prices: One-cwt. lots, in 1-lb. tins, 3s. 3d.; smaller lots, 3s. 6d.; in 14-lb. tins, one cwt., 2s. 9d.; smaller lots, 3s. per lb., ex store.

Aspirin.—Makers' prices are as follows:—

0	In containers of							
Quantity	ı lb.	2 lb.	4 lb.	7 lb.	14 lb.	28 lb.		
I lb. and under 4 lb	s. d. 3 10½ 3 9½ 3 8½ 3 7½ 3 6½ 2 11½ 2 11	s. d. 3 9 3 8 3 7 3 6 3 5 2 10 2 9 ¹ / ₂ 2 8 ¹ / ₂	s. d. 3 7 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	s. d. 3 64 3 54 3 44 2 94 2 88 2 73	s. d. 	5. d. 		

* 8 × 14 lb. and upwards in one delivery, \(\frac{1}{2}\)d. per lb. less.

Sale is subject to an undertaking on part of buyer not to re-sell any quantity at prices or terms below scale for such quantity current at time re-sale is made, and, if he converts the aspirin into tablets, not to sell any quantity of tablets at prices or terms below the scale for such quantity current at time of sale.

Atropine.—Makers' prices are as follows:—

	oz.	4 OZ.	25	oz.	100 oz.
Alkaloid Sulphate	17s. 6d. 14s. od.	17s. od 13s. 6d			16s. od. oz. 12s. 6d. oz.
Packages	Under 5 gm. or 1 oz.	5 gm. to 25 gm. or 1 oz. to 1 oz.	25 gm. or I oz.	50 gm. or 2 oz.	100 gm. and over
Bottles, corked, each Bottles, stoppered, each 5-gr. tubes, per 100 10-gr. tubes, per 100 15-gr. tubes, per 100	5d. 10s. 6d. 12s 3d.	3½d. 6d.	3½d. 7½d.	4d. 9d.	includ ed included

Barbitone.—Spot values firm, business quiet. One cwt., 22s.; 28 lb., 23s.; smaller quantities, up to 26s. per lb., ex store.

Benzaldehyde.—Quoted by makers at from 2s. 6d. to 3s. per lb., as to quantity.

Benzoic acid (B.P.)—Makers quote from is. 10½d. to 2s. 3d. for forward delivery. An alternative source quotes from 2s. to 2s. 4½d. per lb., as to quantity.

BISMUTH SALTS.—No change in makers' prices for the following:—

		Less than 4 lb.	4 lb.	8 lb.	28 lb.	r cwt.
Carbonate, B.P. Citrate, B.P.C. Nitrate, cryst. Oxide, B.P.C. Oxychloride, B.P. Salicylate, B.P. Subgallate, B.P.C. Subnitrate, B.P.C.		s. d. 10 10 13 0 7 4 14 5 13 11 10 9 10 6 9 4	s. d. 10 4 12 6 6 10 13 11 13 5 10 3 10 0 8 10	s. d. 9 7 11 9 6 1 13 2 12 8 9 6 9 3 8 1	s. d. 8 3 10 1 5 4 11 3 10 10 8 3 7 11 7 0	s. d. 8 o 9 io 5 i 11 o 10 7 8 o 7 8 6 9

Rebate of threepence per lb. allowed on sales of not less than 2 cwt. (either for prompt delivery or on contract) provided delivery is completed within three months. Contracts subject to rise-and-fall clause.

Borax (B.P.).—Makers' prices are steady: Granulated, £28 10s.; crystals, £29 10s.; powder, £30 per ton, in 1-cwt. bags, carriage paid in Great Britain, in minimum one-ton lots. Commercial quality, £8 per ton less.

Bronides.—Market firm, with makers' scales of prices unchanged. The scales are as follows: Potassium (B.P.), not less than 5 cwt., 2s. 2d.; 1 cwt., 2s. 3d.; 28 lb., 2s. 9½d. per lb. Sodium (B.P.) not less than 5 cwt., 2s. 4½d.; 1 cwt., 2s. 5½d.; 28 lb., 3s. per lb. Ammonium (B.P.C.), not less than 5 cwt., 2s. 5½d.; 1 cwt., 2s. 6½d.; 28 lb., 3s. rd. per lb. Net. Rise-and-fall and re-sale clauses apply. Without engagement. Special prices for larger quantities. 28-lb. parcels and 1-cwt. cases or kegs free.

CAFFEINE.—Dutch shippers' quotations are firm at the recent advance, as follows: Pure, less than 56 lb., 2 dollars 55 cents; 56 lb., 2 dollars 50 cents; 1 cwt., 2 dollars 45 cents; and 2 cwt., 2 dollars 40 cents per lb. CITRATE, less than 56 lb., 1 dollar 63 cents; 56 lb., 1 dollar 61 cents; 1 cwt., 1 dollar 58 cents; 2 cwt., 1 dollar 56 cents, 1 co.b. Amsterdam or Rotterdam. Very little Pure on spot and prices would not be less than 20s. per lb.

CITRIC ACID (B.P. CRYSTALS).—Makers report there is no change in their price for home consumers, which continues nominal at rs. 2d. per lb., less 5 per cent. discount. Dealers' prices for any material available would be in the region of rs. 8d. per lb.

CREAM OF TARTAR (B.P.).—A nominal price of 122s. per cwt., less 2½ per cent. discount, with supplies restricted to regular consumer customers, is notified by one maker.

EMETINE HYDROCHLORIDE.—Market continues firm, with makers quoting at from 95s. to 99s. per oz., as to quantity.

EPHEDRINE.—Demand for Hydrochloride, B.P., continues quiet, with prices unchanged at about 11s. 6d. to 11s. 9d. per oz., and smaller parcels at up to 12s. 9d. per oz.

Gallic acid.—A quiet market, with prices remaining firm. Dealers quote cwt. lots at from 3s. 9d. and smaller parcels at up to 4s. 3d. per lb., ex store.

GUAIACOL CARBONATE.—Makers and dealers continue to quote at from 12s. 6d. to 13s. per lb., ex store, as to quantity.

GUAIACOL (CRYSTALS).—Makers' prices remain nominal at 10s. 9d. to 11s. 6d. per lb., as to quantity. Liquid, from 10s. 6d. upwards, as to quantity.

Hexamine.—Not much demand at present for free-running crystals, which are quoted at about is. $7\frac{1}{2}d$. for bulk quantities up to is. $10\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. for small parcels; powder at cheaper prices.

Lactic acid (B.P.).—Market steady, with limited business. Quantities, in r-cwt. carboys, is. $6\frac{1}{2}$ d. to is. $7\frac{1}{2}$ d.; in winchesters and bottles, is. 9d. to 2s. per lb., ex store.

Mandelic acid.—Makers' quotations now range from 8s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. per lb, for bulk quantities.

MERCURY 10DIDES.—Makers' prices are unchanged as follows:—RED, less tban 7 lb., 17s. 4d.; not less than 7 lb., 17s.; not less than 14 lb., 16s. 6d. GREEN, less than 7 lb., 19s. 4d.; not less than 7 lb., 19s.; not less than 14 lb., 18s. 6d. Yellow, less than 7 lb., 20s. 10d.; not less than 7 lb., 20s. fod.; not less than 7 lb., 20s. fod.; not less than 7 lb., 20s. per lb., net, carriage paid.

METHYL SULPHONAL.—Only a small spot supply available at from 40s. to 42s. 6d. per lb., ex store.

Paraldehyde.—Prices for quantities on spot, in 1-cwt. carboys, steady at 1s. 3d. to 1s. $3\frac{1}{2}$ d.; smaller quantities, in winchesters, up to 1s. $10\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb., ex store.

PHENACETIN.—No change in makers' prices for ordinary quantities, which continue at 3s. 6d. to 3s. 9d. per lb., and quotations are given without engagement. Little material is in dealers' hands, and prices are firm at about 6s. upwards per lb.

PHENAZONE.—Dealers' prices are rather dearer, and now range from 18s. for bulk quantities up to 22s. per lb. for small parcels, ex store. Only limited supplies of imported material available.

Phenolphthalein.—Makers' prices continue firm: Less than 7 lb., 3s. 8d.; 7 lb., 3s. 7d.; 14 lb., 3s. 6d.; 28 lb., 3s. 5d.; one cwt., 3s. 4d. per lb.

PHENYLETHYLBARBITURIC ACID (B.P.).—Quotations firm, with only limited supplies available. Quoted at from 35s. to 37s. 6d. per lb., in bottles.

Photographic chemicals.—Makers' prices for the following products are firm as quoted: Sodium hyposulphite.—5 cwt., 198.; I cwt., 228.; 56 lb. for 128. 6d.; 28 lb. for 6s. 6d. Sodium carbonate, Recryst.—5 cwt., 138. 9d.; I cwt., 178.; 56 lb., for 128. 6d.; 28 lb. for 6s. 6d. Alum (Photographic quality).—I cwt., 238.; 28 lb. for 6s. 6d. Glycin.—7 lb., 138. 6d.; 1-lb. bottles, 148. 6d. Potassum ferricyande.—Prices were recently advanced by sixpence per lb., as follows: 28 lb., 38. 1d.; 14 lb., 38. 3d.; 7 lb., 38. 6d.; less than 7 lb., 38. 9d. per lb.; 1-lb. bottles, 4s. 3d.; 8-oz. bottles, 2s. 6d.; 4-oz., 18. 5d.; 1 oz., 10d. each. Amidol, I cwt., 8s. 6d.; 56 lb., 8s. 9d.; 28 lb., 9s. per lb. net; 14 lb., 9s. 9d.; 7 lb., 10s. 6d.; less than 3 lb., 12s. 6d. per lb., 2½ per cent. monthly account. Bulk parcels and tins free. 1-lb. bottles, 6d. extra. Chlorquinol.—I-lb. bottles, 21s. per lb. Hydroquinone.—I cwt., 6s. 4½d.; 56 lb., 6s. 7d.; 28 lb., 6s. 10d. per lb., net; 14 lb., 7s. 3d.; 7 lb., 7s. 6d.; less than 7 lb., 8s. per lb., 8s. 2½ per cent, monthly account. Retail quantities: 16 oz., 8s. 6d.; 8 oz., 4s. 6d.; 4 oz., 2s. 8d. Trade prices in bottles: 1-lb. bottles, 8s. 6d. each; 8-oz. bottles, 4s. 6d. each; 4-oz. bottles, 2s. 8d. each; 1-oz. bottles, 1s. 1d. each, with retail selling prices 50 per cent, additional. Gold chloride.—15-grain tubes, 53s. per doz. Magnesium

POWDER.—IIS. 9d. per lb. PARAMIDOPHENOL HYDROCHLORIDE.—9s. per lb., bottles free. Potassium metabisulphite.—One ewt., is. 3d.; 28 lb., is. 6d.; 14 lb., is. 7d.; 7 lb., is. 9d.; 1 lb., 2s.; 16-0z. bottles, 2s. 6d.; 8-0z. bottles, is. 6d. each; 4-0z. bottles, is. each; 1-0z. bottles, 8d. each. Pyrogallic acid, cryst.—I cwt. and over, 9s.; 56 lb., 9s. 3d.; 28 lb., 9s. 6d.; 14 lb., 10s. 6d.; 7 lb., 11s.; less than 7 lb., 11s. 6d. per lb. Bulk tins free, I-lb. tins, 4d. extra and I-lb. bottles, 6d. extra. Pyrogallic acid, red., resub.—I lb., 15s.; 8 oz., 8s. 3d.; 4 oz., 4s. 9d. each; I oz., 22s. per doz. oz. Sodium sulphide (pure).—7 lb., is. 9d.; 1 lb., 2s. per lb., bottles free. Sodium sulphide (pure).—7 lb., is. 9d.; 1 lb., 2s. per lb., bottles free. Sodium sulphide (pure).—1 cwt., 11s.; 56 lb., 11s. 3d.; 28 lb., 11s. 6d. per lb., net; 14 lb., 12s.; 7 lb., 12s. 9d.; 3 lb., 13s. 6d.; less than 3 lb., 14s. per lb., less 2½ per cent. montbly account; bulk tins free; 16-oz. bottles, 6d. each extra. Retail quantities: 16 oz., 14s. 6d.; 8 oz., 8s.; 4 oz., 4s. 3d., bottles free.

PILOCARPINE. -- Makers' prices are steady as follows: --

		oz.	4 oz.	25	oz.	100 oz.
Alkaloid Hydrochloride Nitrate	 	21s. 6d. 16s. 6d. 14s. od.	218. od 168. od 138. 6d	. 158	. 6d. . 6d. . od.	20s. od. oz. 15s. od. oz. 12s. 6d. oz.
		Under	5 gm. to	a		

Packages	Under 5 gm. or ½ oz.	5 gm. to 25 gm. or ½ oz. to I oz.	25 gm. or I oz.	50 gm, or 2 oz.	100 gm. and over
Bottles, corked, each Bottles, stoppered, each 5-gr. tubes, per 100 10-gr. tubes, per 100 15-gr. tubes, per 100	5d. 10s. 6d. 12s. 3d.	3½d. 6d.	3 ½d. 7½d.	4d. 9d.	included included

PIPERAZINE.—The price for bulk quantities would be about 75s. per lb.; small lots, in 1-oz. bottles, 5s. 6d. to 6s. per oz.

Potassium permanganate.—Makers' scales of prices continue at the advance recently recorded, as follows:—

			В.Р. (Quality	Technical		
Minimum one delivery of:		In 1-cwt. drums Per lb.	In 5-cwt. drums Per lb.	In 1-cwt. drums Per cwt.	In 5-cwt. drums Per cwt.		
			Per Ib.	Per ID.	Per cwt.	Per cwt.	
r cwt. up 3 cwt. up 5 cwt. up 1 ton up 4 tons up			s. d. 1 5½ 1 5 1 4¾ 1 4½ 1 4¼	s. d. — — I 41 I 41 I 4	s. d. 161 6 157 0 154 6 152 0 149 6	s. d. — 152 0 149 6 147 3	

Terms: Net, delivered nearest railway station in Great Britain, drums extra and returnable.

QUININE SALTS.—Prices for these salts continue firm: SULPHATE 104:90 Dutch florins; Hydrochloride, 131:25; Bihydrochloride, 143:75; Ethyl Carbonate, 134:50 per 100 oz., f.o.b. Holland. 100-0z. tins free; smaller packages extra. The limited supply of SULPHATE now in dealers' hands quoted at 3s. 1d. to 3s. 2d. per oz.

RESORCIN.—Prices remain unchanged at the recent advance:—Not less than 7 lb., 7s.; not less than 14 lb., 7s.; not less than 56 lb. 6s. 1od.; not less than 1 cwt., 6s. 9d. per lb. Dealers' prices for any spot material available would be in the region of 8s. 6d. to 9s. per lb.

Rochelle salts.—Makers' prices for Sodium and Potassium tartrate, B.P., are at the 5s. advance recently recorded: Powder, less than one cwt., 95s.; less than five cwt., 92s. 6d.; not less than five cwt. in one delivery, 90s. per cwt.; crystals, 2s. 6d. per cwt. extra Pulv. seidlitz: Less than one cwt., 75s. 6d.; less than five cwt. 73s. 9d.; not less than five cwt. in one delivery, 71s. 9d. per cwt. Double seidlitz, less than one cwt., 83s. 9d.; less than five cwt. 81s. 9d.; not less than five cwt. in one delivery, 79s. 6d. per ewt. pet from fourteen days; contracts subject to rise-and-fall clause.

SACCHARIN.—The duty-paid Convention price for 550 material is firm at 98s. 4d, per lb. Business on a good scale. Neither wholesale nor retail prices are under Government control.

Salol.—Prices are firm at from about 5s. to 5s. 6d. per lb., as to quantity.

Santonin.—Convention prices continue to be quoted unchanged. The scale is as follows: 15 kilo and over, £35 ros.; not less than 10 kilo £36 5s.; not less than 5 kilo, £37; less than 5 kilo, £38 per kilo, delivered free in the U.K., 1-kilo tins free. Quotations for spot parcels are in the region of £37 to £38 per kilo.

SODIUM BARBITONE.—Current quotations continue unchanged, as follows:—One cwt. 23s.; 28 lb., 24s.; smaller quantities, 27s. per lb.

SODIUM BENZOATE (B.P.).—A fair demand is reported, with value steady. Makers' and dealers' prices are steady at 1s. 9d. for bulk quantities, up to 2s. 2d. per lb. for small parcels.

SULPHONAL.—Dealers' quantities for bulk quantities, ex stock, are now at 33s. per lb.; for small parcels, up to 35s. per lb.

TARTARIC ACID (B.P. CRYSTALS).—Makers report there is no change in their price, which continues nominal at 1s. 61d. per lb., less 5 per cent. discount. Supplies are limited and reserved for regular consumer customers. Dealers have practically nothing to offer.

THEOBROMINE.—Dutch shippers' prices were recently advanced, but offerings are stated to be very limited. Pure; Less than 56 lb., 2 dollars 55 cents; 56 lb., 2 dollars 50 cents; 1 cwt., 2 dollars 45 cents; 2 cwt., 2 dollars 40 cents per lb. Soda sal.: Less than 56 lb., 1 dollar 81 cents; 1 cwt., 2 dollars 40 cents per lb. Soda sal.: Less than 56 lb., 1 dollar 81 cents; 2 cwt., 2 dollars 40 cents per lb. Soda sal.: Less than 56 lb., 1 dollar 81 cents; 3 cents; 3 cents; 3 cents; 4 cents; 5 cents; 5 cents; 6 cents; 1 cwt., 2 dollars 45 cents; 2 cwt., 3 cents; 6 cents; 6 cents; 6 cents; 6 cents; 7 cents; 7 cents; 7 cents; 8 cents; 8 cents; 1 cwt., 2 cents; 8 cents; 1 cwt., 2 56 lb., I dollar 79 cents; I cwt., I dollar 77 cents; 2 cwt., I dollar 74 cents per lb., f.o.b. Amsterdam or Rotterdam.

VANILLIN.—Makers' prices are as follows: Ex clove oil or guaiacol, five ewt., 14s. 6d.; one ewt., 14s. 7½d.; 56 lb., 14s. 9d.; less than 56 lb., 15s. per lb., carriage paid in the United Kingdom.

Crude Drugs, etc.

A STEADY routine business is reported, with many commodities showing a distinctly firmer tendency. The fair volume of Continental export trade reported last week is being maintained.

AGAR.—In fair demand, with little material on spot. Kobe No. 1, 38. 3d.; Kobe No. 2, 78. 9d.; Yokohama No. 1, 78. 8d. per lb., duty paid. A continued demand is reported for February-March shipment rom Japan, Kobe No. 1 firmer at 6s. 2d., per lb., c.i.f. Japanese hippers' quotations for March-April are: Kobe No. 1, 6s. 3d.; Kobe No. 2, 6s.; Yokohama No. 1, 5s. 11d. per lb., c.i.f.

-A fair business passing, values remaining firm. Spot, Curação, 285s. to 300s. per cwt., ex store, with no shipment offers from prigin. Cape continues steady, with a limited sale; spot, 57s. 6d. to 60s.; Zanzibar, leaves, neglected; quoted at 80s. to 85s. per cwt.,

Antimony.—English regulus, £100 to £102 10s. Continental regulus, 93 to £95 10s. per ton, duty paid.

BALSAMS.—Market fully steady as quoted, with supplies of all descriptions short. *Tolu*, about 5s. 6d.; very soft, 5s. 3d. *Canada*, in very mall supply at about 5s. 6d. *Copaiba*, Para, 3s. 6d.; *Peru*, 8s. 9d. er lb., duty paid.

Buchu.—No change in the London market, which remains quiet and steady. New-crop rounds are offered at from 2s. 9d. to 3s. and wals at 2s. 9d. per lb., ex store. Shipment is quoted rather cheaper t about 2s. 7d. per lb., c.i.f.

Camphor.—Japanese shippers recently offered small quantities of BB commercial grade at £18 per 100 lb., c.i.f., for which there was a een demand. No further offers are reported. Spot, tablets, 5s. 6d.; owder, afloat, 5s. 2d.; slabs, 5s. rd. per lb., duty paid. An isolated hipment offer of slabs at 4s. 7d., c.i.f., March—April shipment. Contiental synthetic, powder, 5s.; tablets, 5s. 6d. per lb., ex store. English—fined flowers, one cwt., 5s. rd.; 28 lb., 5s. 2d.; less than 28 lb., 5s. 3d. er lb. Transparent tablets, 4-oz., one cwt., 5s. 7d.; 28 lb., 5s. 8d.; ses than 28 lb., 5s. od., per lb. ss than 28 lb., 5s. 9d. per lb.

CARDAMOMS.—Supply continues short, with little business passing. eylon, bleached, bold, 5s.; medium pale, 3s. 9d. to 4s.; small, 3s. 6d.; ombay seed, 4s. 6d. per lb.; Mangalore seed, 4s. 3d.; Aleppy greens,

pot, 3s. 3d. to 3s. 4d.; shipment, 2s. 6d., c.i.f.

Exports from Ceylon during January–November, 1939, totalled, 900 cwt., valued at Rupees 410,000, compared with 3,200 cwt., alued at Rs. 432,000, in the corresponding period of 1938.

CASCARA SAGRADA.—The steady routine trade reported last week ontinues. Spot, 1939 peel, up to 100s. per cwt., ex store, 1938 peel, up to 100s. ber cwt., ex store. Shipment remains unchanged at about

5s. per cwt., c.i.f., in minimum car-load lots. Cascarilla.—Reported scarce, with spot at about is. 6d. per lb.,

CLOVES.—The market remains quiet but steady. Zanzibar, spot, od. per lb.; shipment, March—April, 9\frac{1}{3}d., c.i.f. Madagascar, sellers to\frac{1}{3}d. per lb., in bond; shipment, March—April, 9\frac{1}{3}d. per lb., c.i.f.

Coconut (Desicated).—The market is steady. Spot, fine, 27s. 6d.; dedium, 27s. 6d.; shipment, March, 24s. 9d., April, 25s.

Exports from Ceylon during January—November, 1939, totalled 26,000 cwt., valued at Rupees 6,008,000, compared with 552,000 cwt., valued at Rs. 4,072,000, in the corresponding period of 1938.

COD LIVER OIL.—This market remains unchanged. British-made edicinal-quality oil is reported by the producers to be available, alk quantities being at 8s. per gallon, in drums, delivered, and terrinary-grade oil obtainable in drums, tins, and bottles. Norwegian edicinal oil is firm. Spot, in barrels, from 10s. 3d. to 10s. 6d. per allon for finest medicinal. Fishing in Lofoten continues favourable, and the return up to March o for the whole country totals as follows: and the return up to March 9 for the whole country totals as follows:—
140, 45,877 tons of cod and 23,793 hectolitres of cod liver oil; 1939, 0,517 tons, 9,700 hectolitres; 1938, 30,077 tons, 13,496 hectolitres.

DERRIS ROOT.—A fair amount of inquiry continues, but little business is passing. Holders' prices are fairly high in view of lack of shipment offers, but buyers are not attracted by current values and, with ocks limited, prices are firm. No shipment offers. Spot, 18 per cent. her extract, 7½d. to 8d. per lb. Root of 4 to 5 per cent. rotenone patent, if available, about 1s. 3d. per lb., ex store. No shipment offers. DIGITALIS LEAVES.—Dealers' prices continue firm; very limited apply. Spot, about 120s. for ordinary quality; 190s. to 200s. per vt. for better quality.

Ergot.—Remains firm and short on spot. Some shipment business is reported in Portuguese at about 19s. 9d. to 20s. per lb., c.i.f. Any small amount on spot is valued at from 22s. 6d. to 24s. 6d. per lb. Hungarian, spot, about 14s., and affoat, about 13s. per lb., c.i.f.

Gamboge.—Spot supply short. Some odd cases of good Siam pipe quoted at about £24 per cwt., duty paid.

GINGER.—The market is reported steady at current quotations. West African, spot, 31s.; shipment, March-April, 23s. per cwt., c.i.f. Jamaican, spot, small medium, 55s. to 57s. 6d.; bold, in barrels, 90s. per cwt., ex store. Cochin, unwashed, 45s. to 50s. per cwt., ex store; shipment, 37s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f.

GUM ACACIA.—Market quiet, with values unchanged. Kordofan cleaned sorts, spot, 59s.; shipment, 45s. per cwt., c.i.f.

Henna.—Firm quotations continue for new-crop Egyptian leaves. Limited supplies are available in London: Green, 55s.; brown, 47s. 6d. per cwt., ex store.

Honey.—All varieties still in short supply and firm as quoted. Values of Jamaican are nominal at about 95s. to 110s. per cwt. Canadian is also short and the value is now not less than 95s. per cwt., ex store. Some Australian is offered in London at 85s. to 90s. per cwt., as to grade.

Hydrastis.—The market remains steady and quiet, with prices unchanged. Spot, good-test root, 21s.; U.S.P., 19s. 6d., ex store; shipment, 19s. per lb., c.i.f.

IPECACUANHA.—This market remains very firm. Some business is reported in Matte Grosso at 25s. per lb., with odd bales of good-test at about 26s. to 27s. per lb. Some business is also reported in February— March shipment at 23s. per lb., c.i.f. Minas is about steady on spot at 14s. to 14s. 6d. per lb.; shipment, 11s. 6d. to 11s. 9d. per lb., c.i.f. Ext. IPECAC. LIQ., recently advanced to 32s. 6d. per lb. for minimum lots of twelve winchesters.

LAVENDER FLOWERS.—Spot, medium-blue French flowers are at about 140s. per cwt., ex store.

MENTHOL.—Very little business passing in Japanese, with spot at 20s., duty paid, and in bond at 19s. for K/S brands. Shipment offers are in the region of 23s. per lb., c.i.f., but no business is being done. Sales of Chinese material continue good, prices being at about 15s. to 15s. 6d. per lb., duty paid; shipment, March-April, 12s. 6d. to 13s. per lb., c.i.f., according to brand.

MERCURY.—The shipment quotation for Spanish-Italian metal shows no further advance at 200 American dollars per flask, f.o.b. Mediterranean port; ex warehouse, London, 207 dollars.

PEPPER.—Limited trade, with values steady. Lampong, in bond, 3½, March-April, 3d., c.i.f. Tellicherry, spot, 5½d.; March-April, 32s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f. Aleppy, spot, 5d.; March-April, 32s. 6d., c.i.f. White Muntok, duty paid, 5½d.; in bond, 5d.; afloat, 4½d.; March-April, 32s. 6d., c.i.f. April, $4\frac{1}{16}$ d. per lb., c.i.f.

PIMENTO.—Business reported quiet, with values unchanged. Spot, 10½d. per lb.; shipment, March-April, 92s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f.

Rhubarb.—This market continues very firm, with spot supplies short. Spot, rough-round, good quality, up to 4s. 6d. per lb.; very slightly wormy, 3s. 6d. to 3s. 9d. per lb. Bold to medium Shensi held for 6s. 6d. to 7s. per lb. in cases, as to quality and seller.

Rubber.—A fair volume of business continues, the market closing steady. Standard ribbed smoked sheet, spot $12\frac{3}{16}d.$; March, $12\frac{5}{10}d.$;

April, 1216d.; May, 1116d.; July-September, 112d. per lb.
Exports from Ceylon during January-November, 1939, totalled
114,575,000 lb., valued at Rupees 55,519,000, as compared with
105,650,000 lb., valued at Rs. 41,124,000, in the corresponding period of 1938.

Seeds.—Anise.—Spot, Syrian, 75s., duty paid; Cyprus, 75s., duty free. Canary.—Spot, duty paid, Mazagan, 27s. 6d.; Morocco, 26s. Caraway.—Spot, Dutch, 85s., duty paid. Coriander.—Spot, Morocco, quoted at 24s., duty paid, and 22s. 6d., in bond. March-April shipment Gubject to freight being available) offered at 19s. 6d., c.i.f., for five-ton lots. Cumin.—Spot, Cyprus, 8os., duty free; Morocco, 75s., in bond. and 8os., duty paid; shipment, from Morocco, 77s. 6d., c.i.f. Dill.—Spot, Indian, 11 per cent., 35s. 6d. Fennel.—Spot, Indian, 52s. 6d. to 55s.; Iran, 5os. to 55s. in bond. Fenugreek.—Spot, duty paid, Morocco quoted at 19s. ex wharf, London, and 18s. ex store, Liverpool. Mustard.—English quoted in small lots at 77s. 6d.

SENEGA.—The spot market continues steady but quiet. Spot, about 4s. 6d. per lb., ex store. Shipment irregular at 4s. 3d. to 4s. 4d. per lb.

Senna.—Prices unchanged from last week; a fair amount of home and export business reported. Tinnevelly leaves: No. 1, 8½d.; No. 2, 5½d.; No. 3, 4½d. per lb. Tinnevelly pods: Best pale hand-picked, tod.; darker grades, 5½d.-6½d.; f.a.q., 4½d. per lb. Alexandrian pods: The market is poorly supplied with good green bold hand-picked, and prices are nominal. Manufacturing quality, 7d. per lb., ex wharf. London.

SHELLAC.—Market is quoted easier on the week: Spot, standard TN orange, 83s. 6d. to 86s. 6d.; pure button, 127s. 6d.; fine orange, 135s. to 170s. per cwt. For arrival, TN orange, 77s. per cwt., c.i.f.

TONKA BEANS.—Small business passing. Fair frosted Para beans quoted at from 2s. to 2s. 3d. per lb., as to quality and quantity, ex store. Angostura, spot, 9s. per lb.

Tragacanth.—Market remains quiet, with quoted values unchanged. Finest selected white ribbon, from £90; No. 1, white, £77 10s. to £80; No. 2, white, £65 to £70; No. 3, white, £55 to £57 10s.; pale leaf, £35; amber leaf, £25; red leaf, from £16 10s.; woody and hoggy, from £16 16s. All prices are per cwt., ex store, London.

Tumeric.—Spot, Madras finger, 47s. 6d.; Rajapore, 48s.; shipment, new-crop, March-April (subject to freight being available), Madras,

34s. per cwt., c.i.f.; Rajapore, 35s. per cwt., c.i.f.
Waxes.—Bees': Owing to lack of stocks business is restricted, WAXES.—BEES': Owing to lack of stocks business is restricted, values firm: Spot, from 175s.; in bond, 16os.; shipment, Dar-es-Salaam, 16os. per cwt., c.i.f. Japanese, first three brands, spot, 12os., duty paid; shipment, 97s. 6d., e.i.f. Carnauba: Forward quotations continue at recent advances. Fatty grey, 325s.; afloat, 30os., c.i.f.; shipment, 29os., c.i.f.; chalky grey, spot, 31os.; afloat, 30os., c.i.f.; shipment, 28os., c.i.f. Primeira, spot, 452s.; afloat, 41os.; shipment, 305s., c.i.f. 395s., c.i.f.

Essential and Expressed Oils, etc.

TRADE in these products has been moderate during the week, with few price changes to record.

Almond.—Business is still on the quiet side. Expressed oil, spot, cwt. lots, 3s. 8d.; smaller quantities, up to 4s. per lb., ex store. French, genuine bitter, very firm at 11s. per lb., ex store. English, distilled, 26s. to 27s. 6d. per lb.

-Market shows a little more interest, with shipment ANISE (STAR) .prices reported slightly firmer. Spot, tins in cases, about 4s.; drums, 3s. 11d. per lb., ex store; shipment, March–April, tins in cases, 3s. $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 3s. 8d.; drums, 3s. 6d. to 3s. 7d. per lb., c.i.f.

AVOCADO PEAR.—Limited supply only available at about 52s. 6d.

per gallon, delivered.

Bay.—Routine trade at steady figures. Quoted at from 5s. 3d. to

6s. per lb., ex store, as to quantity. Bergamot.—No shipment offers for Consortium oil are yet available. Spot values remain a matter for negotiation, but about 25s. per lb., ex

store, is indicated, with supplies of genuine oil stated to be limited. Bois DE Rose.—Little business passing, with dealers' prices steady: Spot, from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per lb., ex store; shipment offers at about 7s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f., for distant positions.

CARAWAY.—Business in this oil remains rather on the quiet side, values steady: Dutch rectified oil continues firm at 15s. 6d. to 16s. per lb., landed and duty paid; shipment at 14s. 9d. per lb., duty paid.

Cassia.—Very firm. Spot, leads, 5s. to 5s. 6d.; no shipment offers. CITRONELLA.—The market for both Java and Ceylon oils remains quiet. Ceylon, spot, drums, 2s. 4d. to 2s. 6d.; small quantities up to 3s. per lb.; shipment, drums, about 2s. per lb., c.i.f. Java, spot, drums, about 2s. 6d. to 2s. 7½d.; small quantities, up to 3s. per lb.; shipment rather easier at 1s. 11d. per lb., c.i.f., but practically no business moving.

business moving.
Exports from Ceylon during January-November, 1939, totalled 1,367,000 lb., valued at Rupees 1,029,000, compared with 1,472,000 lb., valued at Rs. 1,079,000, in the corresponding period of 1938.

CLOVE.—Madagascar oil continues in short supply; spot, drums, if available, 4s. 6d. per lb.; smaller parcels, up to 5s. 6d.; English distilled, firm at 7s. to 7s. 3d. per lb., as to quantity.

EUCALYPTUS.—The position of this market shows little change, with spot firm at recent figures. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain shipment offers. Spot, from 5s. per lb., as to holder, for 70 to 75 per cent. oil. Shippers are quoting April-May at 2s. 10d. per lb., c.i.f.

GERANIUM.—This market is steady, with only a small business passing. Bourbon of good quality firm at 15s.; shipment, nominal at 13s., c.i.f. Algerian, spot, about 15s. to 15s. 6d. per lb. Shipment. 15s. 3d. per lb., c.i.f.

LAVENDER.—Values remain steady, with little business passing Firm at source. The limited stocks here of good 38 to 40 per cent. oil are quoted steady at from about 17s. 6d. up to 20s. per lb., ex store.

LAVANDIN continues firm at 10s. 6d. per lb., ex store.

LEMON.—Some rise in price for new-crop Sicilian is reported, due to

possible political developments. Quotations for shipment are at about 15s. 9d. per lb., c.i.f., for finest hand-pressed. On spot, genuine oil is mentioned at about 16s. 6d. to 17s. per lb., ex store, and blended oils are at cheaper prices. Californian oil, cold-pressed, quoted in sterling at 13s. 74d.; at wharf; distilled; regular quality, 8s. per lb., ex twherf with depend foir. at wharf, with demand fair.

Lemongrass.—The spot market remains dull at about 2d. per lb. Shipment steadier at about 3s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f., but little business is reported.

Mandarin.—Scarcity of spot supplies of genuine oil continues; the price would be about 25s.; shipment, firm at 23s. 6d., e.i.f.; crop reported short.

Musk.—Limited stocks of caddies of Tonquin pods available in London held for 87s. 6d. to 90s. per oz., as to quality; shipment offers firm at 8os. per oz., c.i.f.

Nutmeg.—Little business passing, with dealers' prices steady. American, 11s. 9d. to 12s. 6d., as to quantity; shipment, slightly dearer at 10s. per lb., c.i.f. Dutch, spot, 11s. 9d. to 12s. 6d. per lb., as to quantity, ex store.

OLIVE.—The Ministry of Food controlled price paid by importers for large bulk quantities in 50-gallon drums is unchanged. Distributors'

prices for a few gallons, packed in gallon tins, carriage paid, would now range from 11s. 9d. to 12s. 6d. per gallon.

Orange.—Shipment of new-crop French Guinea oil steady at about 28. 9d. per lb., c.i.f., in drums, with not much business passing. Spot is nominal at between 5s. and 5s. 6d. per lb., ex store. New-crop oil should shortly be available here. Californian oil is quoted in sterling at 4s. per lb., in small drums, ex store, duty paid, limited supplies only being available.

PALMAROSA.—Spot supplies are still limited and valued at 11s. 3d. to 11s. 6d. per lb., ex store; shipment position unchanged, the latest offers being at 9s. 9d. to 10s. per lb., c.i.f.

PATCHOULI.—Stocks on spot limited. Any genuine Singapore oil would be worth about 35s. Seychelles oil also seem scarce, with the value nominal at 27s. 6d. per lb. No shipment offers of any description.

PEPPERMINT.—A fairly good trade is reported, with the market steady. Japanese, spot, 7s. 3d. to 7s. 6d., according to brand. Latest cables from shippers quote K/S brands at 8s. 3d., and other brands at 8s. per lb., c.i.f., March-April shipment. Chinese oil is selling well, with spot at 5s. to 5s. 3d., according to brand and seller. Shipment, March-April, 4s. 9d. to 5s. per lb., c.i.f. Some oil afloat, due shortly, is at 4s. 8d. per lb., c.i.f. American natural oil remains steady, with business of small size. Quoted at from 2 dollars 90 cents to 3 dollars 5 cents per lb., c.i.f., in tins in cases. Spot, about 16s. per lb., ex store.

Petitgrain.—Some odd cases reported offered on spot at 10s. per lb., ex storc. Shipment, March-April, drums only, offered at

7s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f.

Rose.—The spot value for small quantities of genuine Bulgarian, delivered, is now about 45s, per oz. Shipment remains about £65 per

ROSEMARY.—The spot value of Spanish oil is now in the region of 3s. 6d. to 3s. 9d. per lb., ex store.

SPIKE.—Little business passing in this oil. Good-quality Spanish is available at about 7s. 6d. to 8s. per lb., ex store. Other grades are at lower figures.

TI-TREE.—Spot supplies continue to be offered by importers at about 52s. 6d. per gall., in tins.

TURPENTINE (AMERICAN).—Values are steady: London, 54s. 9d. per cwt., tax paid, in barrels, ex wharf; Liverpool, 61s., in barrels, ex store.

VETIVERT.—Spot is quoted at about 24s. per lb., with limited supplies only available. Java, spot, 21s. to 22s. per lb., ex store.

Wormseed.—Continues firm both spot and forward, with supplies severely restricted. Spot 21s. 6d.; shipment, 20s. 3d. per lb., c.i.f.

Synthetics.—The following are the current prices:—Amyl acetate pure, 105s. per cwt., technical, 100s. per cwt. Amyl salieylate 3s. 3d. to 3s. 9d. per lb. Aubepine, ex para cresol, 15s. per lb., nominal ex anethol, 16s. to 17s. per lb. Benzaldehyde, about 2s. 9d. to 3s. 6d. per lb. Benzyl acetate, 2s. 3d. to 2s. 9d. per lb. Benzyl alcohol, 28. 6d. to 38. 6d. per lb. Bronstyrol, 100 per cent., nominal 178. per lb. Citral, chemically pure, about 108. to 128. per lb. for good quality. Coumarin, English makers quote nominal at about 138. 6d.; imported material, up to 20s. per lb. or more. Ethyl phthalate, about is. 6d. per lb. for cwt. lots and up to 2s. 6d. for smaller quantities. Eugenol, per 10. for cwt. lots and up to 2s. 6d. for smaller quantities. EUGENOS, 9s. to 11s. per lb. Geraniol, ex palmarosa, 18s. to 20s. per lb. Hellotropin, 100 per cent. crystals, quoted nominal at 18s. per lb. Isoeugenol, 11s. to 12s. per lb. Methyl anthranilate, nominal, 16s. per lb. Mirbane, cwt. lots at 9d. per lb.; small quantities at higher prices. Musk ketone, price now 20s. per lb. Musk xylol, 7s. to 8s. per lb. Musk ambrette, 17s. to 18s. per lb. Phenyl ethyl alcohol, nominal, 12s. 6d. per lb. Safrol, pure, 6s. to 6s. 6d. per lb. Terpineol, populal, 2s. to 2s. 6d. per lb. nominal, 2s. to 2s. 6d. per lb.

WORLD MINERAL INDUSTRIES

No. 9—Cobalt

The following details of world production of cobalt are taken from the statistical summary, 1036-38, of the mineral industry of the British Empire and foreign countries, issued by the Imperial Institute, London, S.W.7 (H.M. Stationery Office, price 7s. 6d.). The figures are in cwt.

Producing Country	1936	1937	1938
British Empire:—			
Northern Rhodesia	9,078	17,409	28,762
Canada (c)	7,925	4,527	4,100
Burma (b)	5,910	5,475	4,034
Foreign Countries:—			
Belgian Congo	13,480	(d) 30,000	(d) 26,000
French Morocco (estimated)	7,700	10,900	13,500
Mexico			17
Bolivia	—	6	(a)

Complex ores containing cobalt are produced in Finland, Germany Greece, Japan and China, but figures of cobalt content are not available (a) Information not available. (b) Estimated cobalt content of nickelspeiss exported to Hamburg. (c) Metal recovered from smelter products plus cobalt contained in cobalt residues exported. (d) Estimated.

COMMERCIAL NOTES

Italian Lemon Oil Exports.—Shipments to the chief destinations on 1936 to 1938 and during January—July 1939 were as follows:—

Destination		1936		1937		1938		1939 (7 months)		
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lian tal	posses	sions	244,586	12,358	270,526					

U.S.A. Peppermint Oil Industry.—The total output of peppermint (including a limited quantity of spearmint) in the states of Indiana, chilgan, Ohio, Oregon and Washington during the year 1939 was timated to reach \$45,000 lb., compared with \$90,000 lb. in 1938, and average during 1929–1937 of \$72,000 lb., according to figures of e Department of Agriculture, Washington. The decline in the st year's output was due to damage from frosts and wet weather in e Michigan growing-area early in the season, which brought the licated output of that State to 429,000 lb. from a yield of 551,000 lb. oil in 1938. In all other areas, indications point to a larger output, yield in Indiana increasing from 225,000 to 285,000 lb., in Oregon 77,000 to 84,000 lb., and in Washington from 29,000 to 39,000 lb. eindicated yield in Ohio was 8,000 lb., as in 1938. Peppermint oil protion in the United States has been in excess of domestic requirements, ving a substantial excess available for export. From 1929 to 1937, lusive, an average of 277,000 lb. per annum was exported, which sapproximately 30 per cent. of the total output during that period. e United Kingdom was the largest export market for peppermint in 1938, taking a total of 197,823 lb.; followed by Germany, 175 lb.; Canada, 27,870 lb.; France, 27,245 lb., and the Netherlands, ooz lb. In 1938 and 1939, however, considerable quantities were ported into the United States, as shown by the following table:—

Country of Shipment					19	38	1939		
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a	• •						60	21	
T	otal				5,466	12,422	51,964	82,340	

Canadian Soap Exports.—Exports of soaps from Canada in October, 9, amounted to 63,380 lb. valued at \$7,762, 'against 1,230,983 lb., ued at \$120,097, in the corresponding month of 1938, according to Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Of the total amount exported in tober, 1939, toiletry grades accounted for 57,980 lb. In recent is Canada's exports of soaps have been expanding steadily. In 8 exports aggregated 15,345,400 lb., valued at 81,419,000, and ing 1937 14,508,000 lb., valued at 81,257,000. More than 95 per t. of the soaps exported from Canada consist of toilet grades, and citically the entire amount goes to areas of the British Empire, ticularly the United Kingdom.

Japanese Peppermint Oil Exports.—Shipments during the years ed June 30, 1938 and 1939, showing destinations, were as follows:—

Destina	ation	i	1937-38	1938-39	
ish India its Settlements ich Indo-China it Britain ice inany iralia		 	1b. — 14,000 26,900 3,400 53,300 272,300 5,200 70,300	lb. 1,800 16,900 300 4,200 80,200 167,700 348,600 2,500 53,900	
Total		 	819,700	676,100	

Tomato Juice.—Interest is being taken in Kenya in the production omato juice. A memorandum has been compiled by the Imperial itute giving an account of:—Varieties of tomatoes grown for juice duction; commercial methods of extraction; types of apparatus ployed; and canning methods. A list of selected literature on the ject has also been transmitted.

Passion Fruit Juice.—Preliminary investigations have been undertaken in collaboration with a firm of chemical engineers to explore the possibilities of exporting concentrated passion-fruit juice from Kenya.

Chilean Quillaia Bark.—The yield of bark obtained from the tree Quillaia saponaria was reported to have been smaller in 1939 due to rainy weather. Stocks are reported to be relatively low. The tree from which bark is obtained grows wild in Chile on mountain sides at elevations of 2,000 feet or more in the district bounded roughly by Coquimbo on the north and Concepçion on the south. While no effort has been made to cultivate the tree in Chile, to conserve the supply, stripping can be legally done only between September 15 and November 15 of each year, and, to insure proper grading, shipments are controlled by the Export Control Service. In recent years exports (in metric tons) have been as follows: 1931, 1,671; 1932, 2,976; 1933, 2,277; 1934, 2,275; 1935, 2,383; 1936, 2,511; 1937, 2,531, and 1938, 1.811.

French Vanillin Exports.—Exports and imports of vanillin during recent years and January-July 1939 were as follows:—

			Expo	orts	Imports		
Year			Metric quintals	1,000 francs	Metric quintals	s 1,000 francs	
1930			773	6,200	39	429	
1931			484	3,509	35	481	
1932			603	4,098	40	525	
1933			852	7,370	28	343	
1934			913	7,263	19	215	
1935			1,091	6,845	I 2	144	
1936			1,040	6,240	22	237	
1937			1,276	11,312	7	150	
1938			1,302	13,861	14	223	
	(7 moi		566	6,060	8	140	
1939 ((7 moi	iths)	566	4,871	5	100	

Dutch East Indies Vetivert Oil Industry.—The production of a grass known locally as "akar-wangi" (Vetiveria zizanoides, Stapf), from which vetivert oil is obtained, is increasing steadily in the Netherlands Indies. With the opening of the new Herb's Laboratory at Garoet in the near future the industry is expected to expand further. In 1927 the area planted with grass amounted to 88 acres; by 1937 it had increased to 1,140 acres. During this period of development the crop was exported in the form of roots, but of late, in order to effect savings in freight, oil is being extracted locally. The yield in oil runs from 1 to 2 per cent. Several years ago, two or three local essential oil distilleries began processing vetivert oil, but their efforts did not meet with success. Later, however, with improved facilities, local distillers were able to produce a product satisfactory to European and American markets, and in 1937 a total of 20,000 kilos of oil valued at 11,827 dollars were exported, 2,000 kilos going to the Netherlands, and the remainder to France, British India, Japan and the United States. United States of America imports of vetivert oil from Netherlands Indies in 1937 aggregated 11,651 lb., valued at 37,020 dollars, and in 1938 receipts from that country amounted to 1,745 lb., valued at 5,000 dollars.

Indian Camphor Imports.—During the year April 1, 1938, to March 31, 1939, imports of camphor into India totalled 1,868,694 lb. (value, Rupees 2,188,036) compared with 1,771,471 lb. (Rs. 2,233,243) during the preceding twelve months. The principal supplying countries in 1938-39 were Germany (626,221 lb.), Japan (1,015,131 lb.) and "other countries" (227,342 lb.). Imports during previous years are shown in the following table:—

		10:		193	6-37	1937-38	
C	ount	ry of Ori	gın	lb.	Rupees	lb.	Rupees
Burma				 _	_	21,085	28,295
Straits Set	tlem	ents		 		81	97
Hong Kon	g			 4.843	6,058	312	292
Other Brit	ish l	Possession	ns	 333	725	622	1,298
Germany				 645,034	712,575	717,354	860,752
Italy				 235,000	268,040	220,100	264,398
Japan				 981,412	1,136,301	811,523	1,077,451
Other fore	ign c	ountries		 1,389	1,157	394	660
				1.868,011	2.124,856	1,771,471	2,233,243

Spanish Industrial Chemical Syndicate.—The stimulation and the protection of the Spanish domestic chemical manufacturing industry is seen in the recent creation of the "Servicio Sindical Nacional de Industrias Quimicas" (National Syndicate Service of Chemical Industries). At present, according to reports, the combined Spanish industries which fall under the new syndicate provide employment for some 10,000 workmen, and have an annual production valued at approximately 500,000,000 pesetas (about £12,500,000). It is understood that the new organisation will create a research committee, which will promote the manufacture of new products within the country and encourage the utilisation of raw materials now available in Spain as well as the production of many products imported from overseas sources. In addition, the Syndicate, like other industrial bodies of this type in Spain, will be a regulatory and protective agency through which imports will be at least partially controlled.

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Subdividing Powders

SIR,—The paper given at Edinburgh on dispensing-balance weighings (C. & D., March 9, p. 181) should be read by all dispensing chemists. The weighings that were carried out to determine the possibility of subdividing a weighed quantity of powdered substance into twelve equal powders showed that for practical purposes the difference was not sufficient to affect the patient. It might be interesting to see the results of a similar series of weighings of compound powders, that is to say, powders with three or four ingredients that needed to be weighed separately before mixing and subdividing into the required number of doses, in order to find out whether the primary weighings had any relation to the accuracy of the final portions. A way of subdividing powders that one hesitates to mention is by flattening the powder in the shape of a square on a piece of white demy and dividing with a powder knife. I have seen this done with such accuracy that subsequent weighing showed no appreciable difference between the powders.—Yours faithfully,

Duodecima (11/3)

Phenol Ointment

SIR,—Phenol ointment (see C. & D., March 9, p. 180) has never been a satisfactory product. In the making care must be taken to prevent undue loss. If kept in the usual ointment jar the preparation is liable to become discoloured, crystals of phenol collect on the sides of the jar, and the base becomes hard. It is therefore difficult to see why, considering the infrequent demand, this ointment should be retained in the British Pharmacopæia. On the other hand, so long as it is an article offered for sale somebody might attempt, if it were not official, to set up a standard, and the chemist would be faced with the problem of defence. In the case reported the prosecution failed, and it is difficult to see why actions should continue to be brought concerning such obviously unsatisfactory products. When one reflects on the amount of time and trouble taken to prepare these prosecutions, one cannot help thinking that some of the energy expended in summonsing chemists might well be diverted to taking samples from general shops, where one sees such objectionable merchandise as cards of formalin lozenges all dusty and fly-blown. Yours faithfully,

Phenolis (12/3)

Ever-changing Pharmacy

SIR,—Your illuminating editorial on medical research (C. & D., March 2, p. 169) animadverts to the progress achieved and unveils some of the results of laboratory enterprise in respect of their practical application. Yet while the realisation of these stupendous, indeed interminable, tasks must stimulate our admiration, the fact is borne upon us that pharmacy and physic are destined more widely to diverge. This severance of professional interests, though we might safely presage the event to be less a defended divorce than an injudicious separation, is without prejudice to the chemist's continued custody of his customers. The chemist will ever remain a friend and adviser, but if the pharmacist's strictly ethical practice annually declines he must replenish his exchequer with the revenue derived from commerce. A mass of merchandise, a multitude of medicaments puffed by ubiquitous publicity, occupy the shelves once resplendent with the repositories of galenicals. Dispensing diminishes, with inevitable recourse to more trade. The vicious cycle is established and the process, professionally, is pernicious, persistent and permanent. Thus does the character of our calling adversely develop. Lack of unity in the phalanx of pharmacy imperils such few advantages as remain to the oldest profession. Parliament, the protector of corporations and other chartered institutions, has ever turned an unsympathetic ear to the claims of pharmacy. The materials of medication rapidly change. Ampoules, injections and a multitude of manipulative methods supplant the mixture once supreme in the armamentarium of medicine. Thus, reluctantly, we must acknowledge the trend of a new and monumental reform which neither sentiment should seek to decry nor self-interest to defeat. The rapidity of this reformation assumes the aspect of a revolution and we must rotate in its orbit. When new conditions are established, he who is now a neophyte among us may, with pardonable pride, contemplate his emancipation with academic equanimity and reflect upon his enhanced status with satisfaction.—Yours truly, Drumcondra (3/3)

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES

We do not undertake to analyse and report upon proprietary articles nor to publish supposed formulas for them

Furniture Polish.—M.C. (1/3).—The following will probably be a suitable alternative to those you refer to:—

Mix, adding the solution of antimony chloride last.

Zinc Dental Cements.—O. & S. (5/3).—The following will provide you with an alternative method of making this type of preparation. Concentrate pure phosphoric acid until semi-solid and mix aluminium phosphate with it with the aid of heat. For use, mix with zinc oxide to the consistency of putty. This cement sets fairly quickly, but not so rapidly as those to which you have referred.

Deek's Ointment.—P.C. (8/3).—This is used in the treatment of pruritus ani and has the following formula:—

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Hydrarg. salicyl. 4
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Paraff. moll.
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Colouring Billiard Balls.—J.~W.~&~S.~(5/3).—These should first be treated by washing in warm sodium carbonate solution ($\frac{1}{2}$ oz. to a pint). They should then be rinsed and immersed in about 5 per cent. nitric acid for twenty minutes and finally washed with cold water. The following are the dye solutions to be used. (1) Alcoholic solution of fuchsin, 1 in 20. The ball should be allowed to remain in the solution-until it acquires the desired colour. (2) Immerse the ball for a few minutes in 2 per cent. solution of tin chloride, then boil in a solution of logwood Remove the ball and immerse in a solution of potassium carbonate until it assumes the desired colour. (3) Immerse the ball in a solution consisting of carmine, 3 grains, sufficient ammonia to affect solution, and water to 1 oz.

Cough Linetus.—L. N. (4/3).—The following, taken from "Pharmaceutical Formulas," Vol. II, may be of assistance to you:—

Dose: Fifteen drops to 3ij.

| Ti | Ext. ipecac, liq. | 3ij. | 7r. opii camph. | 3vj. | 7r. pruni Virg. | 5j. | 7theriacæ | 3viij. | 3vj. | 6lycerini | 3vj. | Ext. glycyrrh. liq. | 3iv. | Acid. sulph. pur. | 100. | 1nf. lini | ad Oij. | ad Oij.

Dose: Two teaspoonfuls.

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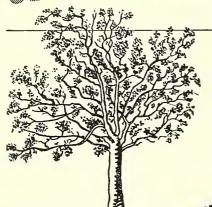
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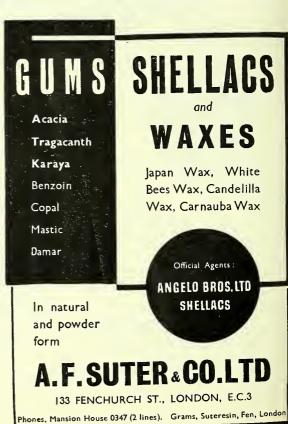
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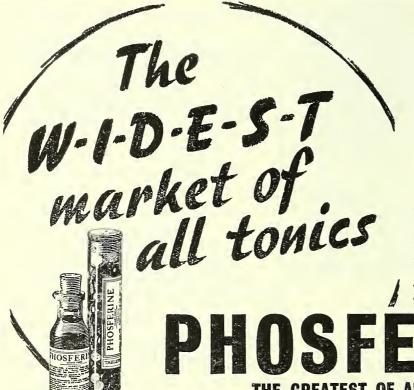
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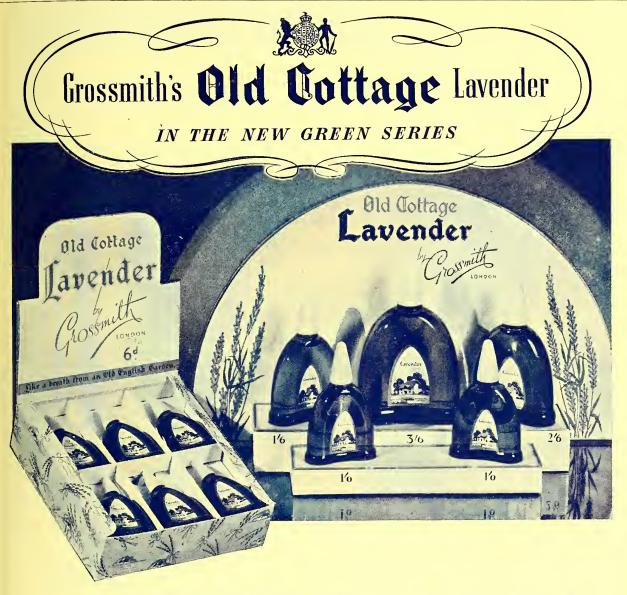
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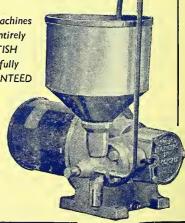


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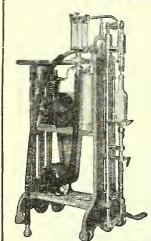
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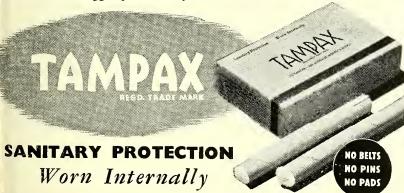
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th

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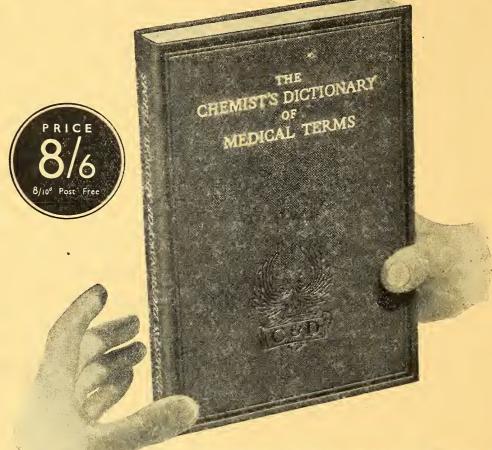
LATE NEWS

Prescribing of Sugar-containing Preparations.—The president of the Pharmaceutical Society (Mr. Walter Deacon) has sent the following letter to the medical Press:-

When the sugar rationing scheme was announced recently all those concerned were gratified to learn that the position, so far as the use of sugar in medicine was concerned, remained unaffected. This pleasing news was, however, accompanied by an indication that every opportunity should be taken to reduce voluntarily the quantity of sugar for medical purposes, in order that a substantial contribution might be made to the general reduction in sugar usage which it was necessary to effect. Such a contribution would not only assist in conserving the resources of the country but night also avoid a compulsory reduction at a later stage. If compulsion is applied there may well arise the question of alternative formulæ for sugar-containing preparations in the British Pharmacopœia and the British Pharmaceutical Codex. Those who remember the efforts that were made during the last war to meet who remember the enorts that were made during the last war to meet the sugar shortage by such formulæ will realise how difficult it is to provide satisfactory substitutes for sugar. Sugar is not only a sweetening agent, it has also thickening and preservative properties and it is only when attempting to provide substitutes for its use in medicine that its value is fully appreciated. No one wishes to see a return to the use of unsatisfactory substitutes which were employed during the last war, and it rests primarily with medical practitioners to prevent such a contingency by limiting their prescribing of sugar-containing preparations to those cases where it is essential in the interests of efficient treatment. Pharmacists are being urged to play their part in bringing about a reduction in the use of sugar in medicines but, so far as prescribed medicines are concerned, they are in the hands of the medical practitioners in doing so.

The president points out that pharmacists should exercise equally strict economy in the use of sugar.

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